

**Fire at Kurseong Railway Press**

390. SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :  
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broken out at the Kurseong Railway Press in the district of Darjeeling on the 22nd January, 1975;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made into the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof :

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to shift the Kurseong Railway Press to Pandu; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) N. F. Railway Administration has ordered an enquiry into the accident of fire by a Committee of Junior Administrative Grade Officers and Assistant Security Officer (Fire).

(d) and (e) No. In fact, another printing press is being set up at Pandu for meeting additional requirements of printing of N. F. Railway.

**Carriage of Goods by Road by Railways**

391. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways plans to carry goods by road through contractors ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the places where the scheme will be introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) (i) To cater the anticipated increase in movement of traffic into Assam and the North Eastern States *via* New Bongaigaon transshipment point, the

possibility of moving the traffic to Assam and these North Eastern States by road from New Bongaigaon to supplement the present transshipment capacity is under examination.

(ii) In addition, with a view to minimising delays in transit and wastage of wagons involved in movement of small traffic for short distances particularly *via* break-of-gauge transshipment points, proposals for carriage of small traffic by road through contractors in the following areas are under examination :

**Southern Railway**

- (1) Around Madras (Tondiarpet).
- (2) Erode/Coimbatore/Podanur.
- (3) Shoranur-Cochin Harbour Terminus.
- (4) Bangarpet-Bangalore City.

**Eastern Railway**

(5) Asansol/Durgapur industrial area covering Asansol, Raniganj, Andal and Durgapur stations.

(6) Dhanbad, Jharia, Patherdih, Sindri, Kusunda, Katrasgarh.

**South-Central Railway**

(7) From points within a radius of 100 kilometres, around Tadcpalli, Guntakal, and Moula Ali transshipment points.

**Central Railway**

(8) Between Manmad, Akola, and Khandwa transshipment points and stations upto a range of 150 to 200 kilometres on the Metre Gauge.

**Catering at Katihar Railway Station**

392. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that departmental catering at Kttihar Railway Station is being handed over to a contractor; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.