THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government is not aware of any such decision of the Committee.

रेल कर्मचारियों की मांगों का कार्यान्वयन

- 314. श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
- (क) हाल ही की रेल हड़ताल के दौरान देश को कितनी वित्तीय हानि उठानी पड़ी ;
- (ख) क्या सरकार ने रेल कर्मचारियों की जिन 6 मांगों को हड़ताल की अविध के दौरान स्वीकार कर लिया था उन्हें लागू कर दिया गया है; और
- (ग) क्या सरकार रेल कर्मचारियों की शेष मांगों पर पुर्नावचार करना चाहती है ?

†[Implementation of demands of railway employees

*314. SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of financial loss suffered by the country during the recent railway strike;
- (b) whether the six demands of the railway employees which were acceded to by Government during the period of strike have since been implemented; and
- (c) whether Government propose to reconsider the remaining demands of the railway employees?]

रेल मंत्री (श्री लिलत नारायण मिम्र): (क) देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था को हुई क्षिति का मुल्यांकन अभी नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) स्वीकृत छः मांगों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA): (a) The quantum of loss to the country's economy has not been evaluated so far.

(b) The six accepted demands are in the process of implementation.

(c) No, Sir.]

Rail projects for Kerala State

*315. SHRI B. D. BARMAN:
SHRI L. MAHAPATRO:
SHRI S. KUMARAN:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of Cochin-Alleppey and Kuttippuram-Guruvayur rail links has been included in the Fifth Five Year Plan:
- (b) whether the Kerala Government has offered free land for these projects; and
- (c) if the answers for parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the details thereof and by when the construction work on these projects is expected to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

Proposals for inclusion of New Lines in the Fifth Five Year Plan as a whole have not been finalised. Survey work in respect of Kuttipuram to Trichur is in progress. The Ernakulam-Alleppey line has been included in the list of lines for development of backward areas. The construction work will be undertaken after allotment of funds by the Planning Commission for this purpose.

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No offer has so far been received from the State Government of Kerala regarding free land for these Railway Projects.

Iranian assistance for oil refineries

*316 SHRI V K. SAKHLECHA: SHRI B. S. SHEKHAWAT: SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHAS-TRI.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an agreement was signed between India and Iran during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Iran with regard to Iranian assistance for the expansion of certain oil refineries; and
- (b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Daily and periodic trains

*317. SHRIMATI SARASWATI PRADHAN:

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of daily and periodic trains which were run by the Railways before the May, 1974 strike;
- (b) the number of trains cancelled during the strike; and
- (c) the number of trains which have still not been resumed and the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ct (a): (IHRESAUD ITAME, CHOM (c) A total of 1238 pairs of non-suburban passenger trains were running before the May '74, strike out of which 578 pairs of trains were cancelled during the strike period. Only 133 pairs of trains now remain suspended. Restora-

tion of these trains is under active consideration of the Railways and some of them are expected to be re-introduced shortly.

Exploratory well in Himachal Pradesh

*318. SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any under Government's consideration to drill a deep exploratory well at Ram Bushehar site in Nalagarh Tehsil, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of geological surveys two locations have been released for drilling in Himachal Pradesh. One of the locations is at Ramshahr in Solan District and the other at Changer Talai in Bilascur District.

Surveys of the area have led to the discovery and delineation of an anticlinal structure. The location at Ramshahr will be drilled upto 4000 metres to test the oil/gas prospects of the structure.

Arrest of motormen of Bombay Division

*319. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY: DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of motormen the Bombay Division of Central Railwavs arrested under Defence of India Rules for participating in the recent Railway strike: and
- (b) the number of motormen who have been suspended and dismissed in the same Division for the same reasons?