Written Answers

war and the extent of loss suffered on account of the same ?

रेल मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी: 3-12-1971 से 14-12-1971 तक की अवधि में 446 सवारी गाड़ियां रद्द कर दी गयी थी।

इससे श्रामदनी में कितनी हानि हुई, यह यह ठीक-ठीक बताना सम्भव नहीं है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): 446 passenger trains were concelled during the period from 3, 12, 8971 to 14. 12. 1971.

It is not possible to indicate precistely loss of earning involved.]

WIG FACTORY

*134. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the state Trading Corporation has set up a Wig factory in Madras;

(b) whether that factory is running at a profit;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a similar factory in Delhi; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

FLOOD CONTROL AND JOINT USAGE OF COMMON RIVER SYSTEMS OF INDIA AND BANGLA DESH

*138. SHRI A. D. MANI : SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : SARI SURAJ PRASAD : SITARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

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POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have held any discussions with the Government of Bangla Desh regarding flood control and joint usage of the common river systems of the two countries generally, and the Farraka Project particularly;

(b) if so, the substance of the discussions; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take as the result of these discussions ?

The MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) : It has been decided to establish a joint River Commission comprising exports of both countries on a permanent basis to carry out a comprehensive survey of the river systems shared by the two countries, formulate projects concerning both the countries in the fields of flood control and to implement them.

Experts of the two countries shall formulate detailed proposals on and advance flood forecasting, study of flood control and irrigation projects on the major river system and examine the feasibility of linking the power grids of Bangla Desh with the adjoining areas of India so that the water resources of the region can be utilised on an equitable basis of the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY SYSTEM

*140. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 2,000 crore phased programme for conversion of all sections into broad gauge considiration of Government;

(b) if so, in what phases the programme of modernisation is proposed to be undertaken; and