

NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO EMPLOYEES OF BEAS DESIGNS ORGANISATION

446. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN ·
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA ME-
NON;
SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SAN-
YAL.
SHRI MANORANJAN ROY:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER, सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of officials working in the Beas Designs Organisation of Nangal have not been paid their salaries for the last six months,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to pay the arrears immediately and assure regular pay in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER, सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) : (a) to (c) There has been no such case where payment of salaries to the officials of the Beas Designs Organisation has not been made for the last six months.

B G AND M. G. SCRAP DEPOT FOR KERALA

447 SHRI MONORANJAN ROY:
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA ME-
NON.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade and industry circle in Kerala has requested Government to open a B. G. and M. G. Scrap Depot in Ernakulam for the sale of condemned rails, sleepers and other scrap materials of the railways; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURE-SHI) : (a) No. A suggestion was, however,

made by the Honorary Secretary, Member Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (Madurai) to this effect

(b) No proposal has yet been finalised for opening more Scrap Depots. However, before finalising the location of such Scrap Depots, factors such as arisings of scrap, marketability of scrap in the nearby area etc will be considered.

PURULIA-KOTSHILA RAILWAY LINE

448 SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA · Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the investigation committee which was appointed to go into the question of converting Purulia-Kotshyila railway line into broad gauge, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURE-SHI) : (a) Yes

(b) Based on the recommendations of the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee, 1969, a detailed traffic survey for the conversion of the Purulia-Kotshyila Narrow Gauge line to Broad Gauge was ordered in September, 1970 and the survey is in progress. A decision regarding conversion of the section will be taken after the survey is completed and the results thereof become known.

RAILWAY TRACK BETWEEN DELHI AND CALCUTTA

449 SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

() whether it is a fact that the railway track between Delhi and Calcutta is not so ind to cope up with heavy traffic on this route, and

() if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for laying new rails on this track?