

Yes, Sir. P. I. L. C. Cables upto 11 K. V. are to be substituted by PVC Power Cables.

(b) One kilometer of PILC Power Cables would require, on average, 3.5 tons of lead valued at Rs. 7,500 cif, depending upon the sizes. On the other hand, import of PVC Chemicals etc. would require only Rs. 1200 cif, per kilometer of 11 KV PVC Cables. The change-over from PILC to PVC would, therefore, save approximately Rs. 6300 of foreign exchange per kilometer of 11 KV Power Cables. The current approximate yearly requirement of 11 KV Power Cables is of the order of 3000 to 3500 Kilometers. The change-over would effect foreign exchange saving of approximately Rs. 2 crores per annum at the current level of production.

DOUBLING OF KANPUR-LUCKNOW LINE

354. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the doubling of the railway line between Kanpur and Lucknow; and

(b) if so, the time by when the proposal is likely to be given effect to ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ISSUE OF TICKETS FOR RAJDHANI EXPRESS

355. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to issue tickets for the Rajdhani Express at any station between New Delhi and Howrah where it has got a stoppage;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have now decided to halt the Rajdhani Express at Gaya; and

(c) if so, the time by when the proposal is likely to be given effect to ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

DOUBLING OF GHAZIABAD-SAHARANPUR LINE

356. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्री be pleased to state the details of the future programme for the doubling of the railway line on Ghaziabad-Saharanpur section of the Northern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

Engineering surveys for doubling the line between (i) Ghaziabad and Meerut City and (ii) Muzaffarnagar to Saharanpur were carried out in 1965 and it was found that doubling was not necessary. A traffic survey for the entire section and Engineering survey for the remaining portion between Meerut City and Muzaffarnagar are now in progress. After the surveys are completed, doubling of the section or any sub-section thereof, will be considered if justified by traffic and financial considerations.

FLOOD INSURANCE SCHEME

357. DR. B. N. ANTANI:
SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER/सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a universal and compulsory flood insurance scheme to cover flood risks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER/सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BAIJNATH KUREEL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present

(b) Does not arise.