

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) Necessary steps, including framing of rules, forms, notices, registers, etc., selection of Chairman, Members and staff of the Commission, are being taken.

(b) Yes, Sir, to the extent necessary.

SUBSTITUTION OF CIRCULAR RAILWAY SCHEME IN CALCUTTA BY TUBE RAILWAY

37. SHRI A. P. CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recently suggested the substitution of the circular railway scheme in Calcutta by tube railway;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the circular railway scheme is proposed to be abandoned; and

(c) the details of the progress made on the circular railway scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) :

(a) No scheme for the construction of a "Circular Railway" in Calcutta has been under consideration. Under this circumstance, the question of substitution of such a scheme by a tube railway does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No work is in progress on a "Circular Railway" Scheme for Calcutta.

MANUFACTURE OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

38. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of diesel engines manufactured by the Diesel Locomotive Works at Varanasi in 1969; and

(b) the total number of diesel locomotives required in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) :

(a) Number of diesel locomotives (engines) turned out/manufactured in 1969 (January to December '69) are :

(i) B.G. Diesel-Electric Main Line=55

(ii) M.G. Diesel-Electric Main Line=28

(b) Number of diesel locomotives required during the 4th Plan from 1969-70 to 1973-74 are :

(i) B. G. Diesel-Electric Main Line locos=430

(ii) M. G. Diesel-Electric Main Line locos=218

(iii) N. G. Diesel-Electric Main Line locos= 10

(iv) B. G. Diesel Shunters=160*

EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICES BEYOND KRISHNANAGAR

39. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANJAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have under consideration any proposal for the extension of electric train services beyond Krishnanagar to Murshidabad in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : Electrification of Krishnanagar-Murshidabad section would be considered after the feasibility-cum-cost study, which is under way, has been completed.

PROTECTION OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

40. DR. DEBIPRASAD CHATTOPADHYAYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway employees in West Bengal who were killed or assaulted by mobs during 1968 and 1969; and

(b) the details of the measures Government have taken to protect the lives of the railway employees in that State?

*Includes requirement of 60 diesel shunters for the Public Sector Undertakings.