

As regards billets, efforts are being made to increase availability from main producers. Durgapur ingots are also being cut for sale to re-rollers. Fresh export commitments for billets are not being allowed, except for such small quantities as are unavoidable in the interest of maintaining the country's foothold in the export market.

(c) As there is no general shortage, (c) above does not arise.

**RAILWAY PASSENGERS MAROONED  
DURING CYCLONE IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**67. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that seven bodies were found lying at the Tondala Gopavaram section of the South Central Railway among the marooned passengers during the recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the total number of passengers marooned during the period, and

(c) the steps that were taken to assist the passengers in reaching their destination?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) :**  
(a) No

(b) About 5,000 passengers in the train were marooned at Tondalagopavaram station during 19th to 22nd May, 1969.

(c) On the evening of 21-5-69 about 500 marooned passengers were evacuated to Madira by road and by trolley. On 22nd evening a temporary restoration of the track was effected and passengers from Madira and Tondalagopavaram were taken by two relief trains to Vijayawada on 22/5 and 23/5/69, thus completing the clearance of all the marooned passengers from Tondalagopavaram. Subsequent clearance of these passengers to the destination, was arranged on 23-5-69 and 24-5-69 by utilising 12 buses from Vijayawada to Secunderabad, attaching additional bogies from Secunderabad to Madras on 24 Up Hyderabad-Madras Express to which a diesel engine was attached, and by running a special train ex. Vijayawada to Secunderabad via Vizianagaram-Raipur-Nagpur.

**68 [Transferred to the 38th July, 1969.]**

**मध्य प्रदेश में डल्ली-राजहरा-दन्तेवाड़ा  
रेलवे लाइन**

**69. श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में डल्ली-राजहरा-दन्तेवाड़ा के बीच रेलवे लाईन बनाने का एक प्रस्ताव हाल ही में केन्द्रीय रेल मंत्रालय को भेजा था ,

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या सरकार को पता है कि नैसर्गिक सशोधनों, वन, उत्पादों, अन्तर्राज्यीय यातायात और व्यापार की दृष्टि से इस रेलवे लाईन का निर्माण अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण है; और

(ग) इस लाइन के निर्माण के सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या निर्णय किया गया है और यदि अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं किया गया तो कब तक ऐसा निर्णय कर लिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

**†[DALLI-RAJHARA-DANTEWADA RAIL-  
WAY LINE IN MADHYA PRADESH**

**69. SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISO-  
DIA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal with regard to the construction of a railway line between Dalli-Rajhara-Dantewada in Madhya Pradesh was recently sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Ministry of Railways?

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the construction of such a railway line is very important from the point of view of natural resources, forest products, inter-State traffic and trade ; and

(c) the details of the decision taken by Government with regard to the construction of that line and if no decision has been taken yet, the time by when such a decision is likely to be taken by them?

**†[ ] English translation.**

रेल मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) 1965-66 में जो लागत एवं व्यावहारिकता अध्ययन किया गया था उससे पता चला कि इस लाइन का वित्तीय औचित्य नहीं है। इस लिए लाइन के निर्माण कार्य पर अभी विचार नहीं किया जा रहा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH)  
(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Cost-cum-feasibility studies carried out in 1965-66 revealed that this line will not be financially justified. The construction of this line is, therefore, not being considered at present.]

#### इंदौर-दाहोद रेलवे लाइन

70. श्री सवाई सिंह सिसोदिया : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में इंदौर तथा दाहोद के बीच रेलवे लाइन बनाने का प्रस्ताव रेल मंत्रालय को भेजा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार के विकास और अनाज तथा अन्य उपज के आवागमन के लिये यह रेलवे लाइन अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस प्रस्ताव को चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित करने का विचार रखती है ?

†[INDORE-DAHOD RAIL LINK

70. SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted a proposal for the construction of a railway line between Indore and Dehoda in Madhya Pradesh to the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this railway line is very important for the development of inter-State trade movement of foodgrains and other produce; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to include the proposal in the Fourth Five Year Plan?]

रेल मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) 1953-55 में इन्दौर से दोहद तक रेल सम्पर्क के लिए इंजीनियरिंग और यातायात सर्वेक्षण किया गया था। सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट से पता चला कि यह लाइन वित्तीय दृष्टि से अलाभप्रद होगी और इसलिए इस लाइन के निर्माण के प्रस्ताव को स्थगित कर दिया गया। चूंकि चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में नयी लाइनों के लिए थोड़ी मात्र में धन उपलब्ध होने की संभावना है इसलिए इस रेल सम्पर्क को, विशेष रूप से जबकि इसका वित्तीय दृष्टि से औचित्य होने की संभावना नहीं है, निर्माण के लिए बेहतर समय की प्रतीक्षा करनी पड़ेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) :  
(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Engineering and traffic surveys for a rail link from Indore to Dahod were carried out in 1953-55. The survey reports revealed that this line would be financially unremunerative and hence the proposal for its construction was shelved. As the funds likely to be made available for new lines in the Fourth Five Year Plan would be meagre, this rail link, especially when it is not likely to be financially justified, may have to wait for better times for consideration.]

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी विकास खंडों के लिए केंद्रीय अनुदान

71. श्री दयाल दास कुरें : क्या विधि तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कितने आदिवासी विकास खंड हैं ;