

having Air conditioned chair car accommodation, on the / Delhi-Bombay Central route on the Broad Gauge and Delhi-Ahmedabad route on the Metre Gauge are under study.

**NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN
TIRUPPATTUR AND KRISHNAGIRI**

458. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently received any demand for the construction of new railway lines from Tirupattur to Krishnagiri and from Kancheepuram to Bangalore via Polur, Trivani, Namalai, Sengam, Singarpettai, Krishnagiri and Tirupattur; and

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

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

(b) Due to scarcity of funds, it is not possible to consider the construction of new lines from Tirupattur to Krishnagiri and from Kancheepuram to Bangalore in the near future, particularly when our limited resources which may be made available during the Fourth Plan, have to be restricted only to a very few important lines required on strategic/developmental considerations.

**BREACH IN RAILWAY TRACK BETWEEN
NALBARI AND RANGIYA DUE TO FLOODS**

459. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense difficulties experienced by the railway passengers who were stranded as a result of sudden stoppage of rail communication between Nalbari and Rangiya stations on the Northeast Frontier Railway in the latter part of June, 1969, due to a breach of the railway track caused by floods;

(b) if so, what steps were taken by the railway authorities for relief and evacuation; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that such breaches are caused to the railway tracks in the area due to floods frequently, resulting in cutting off Assam from the rest of India, Government have

any proposal under consideration to expedite the extension of the alternate broad gauge line from Jogighopa to Gauhati ?

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

(b) Stranded passengers were cleared by road transport at railway's cost. Sufficient stock of food was kept at catering-vending establishments at Railway Stations to meet catering needs of passengers.

(c) No.

BLACK MARKET IN MATCHES

460. SHRI P. C. MITRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Horse head brand WIMCO matches on which retail price has been shown as six paise per box is sold at higher rates ranging from 7 to 10 paise per box openly and even in the New Delhi Super Bazar it is sold at the rate of 84 paise per dozen boxes; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop this open black marketing by a foreign company manufacturing their products in India ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) The price stamped on match boxes is exclusive of local taxes, the incidence of which varies from trade centre to trade centre.

(b) Does not arise.

STEEL PLANT AT SALEM

461. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given consent to the setting up of Steel Plant at Salem by the State of Tamil Nadu during the Fourth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?