

MISUSE OF FUNDS BY RAILWAY  
TRAINING SCHOOL OFFICIALS

\*648. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 130 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1966 and state;

(a) the total amount misused by the officials of North-Eastern Railway Training School and the officer held responsible for it;

(b) whether the full amount would be recovered from the officer held responsible;

(c) if so, the proposed manner of recovery; and

(d) the punishment proposed for the irregularity?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINES IN  
RAJASTHAN

\*649. SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of new Railway lines laid in Rajasthan during the last three Five Year Plans; and

(b) the length of new Railway lines proposed to be laid in Rajasthan during the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) The information is not maintained State-wise, but Railway-wise. However, the following new Railway lines, falling wholly or partly in the State of Rajasthan have either been completed or are in progress during the last three Plans:—

Name of Line	Gauge	Length (In Kms)
Sanganer-Tordi Sagar	MG	81.62*
Tordi Sagar-Toda Rai Singh	MG	24.34*
Fatehpur-Churu	MG	42.88*
Raniwara-Bhildi	MG	69.79*
Udaipur-Himmatnagar	MG	215.00*
Hindumalkot-Sriganganagar	BG	27.56†

\*Completed.

†In progress.

(b) The details of new lines to be taken up in the Fourth Plan are still to be finalised. However, the construction of Pokaran-Jaisalmer line (MG, 105 Kms.), which falls in Rajasthan, has been approved and its construction is in progress.

बिहिया स्टेशन पर मेल तथा एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों  
का ठहराया जाना

\*650. श्री रेवती कान्त सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दूर-दूर से जगदीशपुर आने वाले यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिये पंजाब मेल, तूफान एक्सप्रेस और दिल्ली-एक्सप्रेस को पूर्व रेलवे के बिहिया स्टेशन पर ठहरने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

†[STOPPAGE OF MAIL AND EXPRESS  
TRAINS AT BIHIYA

\*650. SHRI REWATI KANT SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to have stoppage for Punjab Mail, Toofan Express and Delhi Express at the Bihiya

†[ ] English translation.

Station on the Eastern Railway for the convenience of passengers coming from far off places for visiting Jagdishpur is under Government's consideration; and

¶ (b) if not, the reasons therefor?]

रेलमंत्री (श्री सी० एम० पुनाचा):

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यातायात की दृष्टि से इसका औचित्य नहीं है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Lack of traffic justification.]

PAK EFFORTS TO CUT INDO-AFGHAN TRADE

\*651. SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Pakistani efforts to cut Indo-Afghan trade; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Pakistan is trying to increase her trade with Afghanistan. The bulk of our trade with Afghanistan is, however, on barter basis. Imports from Afghanistan are required to be counter-balanced by export of Indian goods of equivalent value to that country. Pakistan's efforts can be felt on the trade in free currency. It may be kept in mind that by the closure of traditional land route for movements of goods between India and Afghanistan, Pakistan has made the goods moving between the two countries a little costlier on account of extra freight charges via Karachi.

†[ ] English translation.

DEMONSTRATION BEFORE THE HEAD OFFICE BY EASTERN RAILWAYMEN'S UNION

\*652. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a peaceful demonstration was recently staged before the Head Office of the Eastern Railway by the Eastern Railwaymen's Union who placed a charter of demands before the General Manager;

(b) whether the General Manager promised to look into the demands;

(c) whether any office-bearers of the Union have been suspended in this connection; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) An unruly demonstration by a number of workers led by the office-bearers of a dissident and unrecognised group of the Eastern Railwaymen's Union was staged during and beyond office hours in the office of the General Manager, Eastern Railway on the 20th May, 1967. The demonstrators presented a Memorandum, to the General Manager, containing several demands relating to the recognition of the dissident group of the Eastern Railwaymen's Union, trade union rights etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Three employees belonging to the dissident and unrecognised group of Eastern Railwaymen's Union have been suspended for violation of Rules 3 and 7 of the Railway Services (Conduct) Rules, 1966.

रेल दुर्घटनाएं

\*653. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी से 30 अप्रैल 1967 तक कितनी रेल दुर्घटनाएं हुईं ;