

deposits of lime have been discovered at Purulia in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of these deposits?]

इस्पात, खान तथा घातु मंत्री (डा० एम० चन्ना रेड्डी): (क) और (ख) पुरुलिया, दक्षिण बंगाल में चूना पत्थर के होने के बारे में कई वर्षों से पता है। इन सब पाये जाने वाले संचयों का अनुमान 3 मिलियन टन है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): (a) and (b) Occurrence of limestone at Purulia, West Bengal have been known for several years. Estimated reserves of all the occurrences are of the order of 3 million tonnes.]

DELHI-KARNAL-AMBALA LINE DOUBLING

136. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct double Railway lines on Delhi-Karnal-Ambala route on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the stage at which the proposal at present stands; and

(c) when the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CLOSURE OF MADHAPUR-KUTCH STATION SHEDS AT BHUJ AND ANJAR STATIONS AND WAGONS SUPPLY AT BHUJ STATION

137. DR. B. N. ANTANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhapur-Kutch station on Western Railway has been closed;

(b) if so, whether representations have been received for reopening the station;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) the reasons for delay in construction of covering sheds at Bhuj and Anjar stations; and

(e) whether any measures are being taken for prompt supply of wagons for outward traffic from Bhuj especially for item 'E'?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The execution of such works is dependent upon the availability of funds and materials. There has been no undue delay in these cases. The works were completed in March, 1967.

(e) Only 25 wagons registered under item E are pending as on date, the earliest registered being 15 days old. This is quite a satisfactory position, compared to other stations.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE WORKING OF KHADI BOARD

138. SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a Commission to investigate the affairs for the Khadi Board;

(b) if so, when was the Commission appointed; and

(c) when it is expected to submit its report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI M. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The Government of India have set up a Committee to assess the progress made in Khadi and Village Industries since the establishment of the All India and Village Industries Board in 1953, to make recommendations to strengthen and expand the progress of Khadi and Village Industries and to suggest any structural or Constitutional changes that may be needed in order