

(c) It is proposed to revise the timings of the trains from 2nd October, 1966 as under :—

No. 53 Madras-Hyderabad Express		No. 54 Hyderabad-Madras Express	
13-30 Dep.	Madras	Arr. 13-50	
9-2) Arr.	Seciukrabad	Dep. 17-55	
9-50 Dep.	Do	Arr. 17-35	
10-15 Arr.	Hyderabad	Dep. 17-10	

These trains are booked to run at the same speed as other Mail/Express trains on this route and no acceleration is feasible except by curtailment of halts which is also not possible having regard to traffic requirements and demands for still more halts.

CONSTRUCTION OF GUNA-MAKSHI RAILWAY UKI;

523. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Guna-Makshi Railway line on the Western Railway was to be completed during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the slow progress in work and the probable time; the construction is expected to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (a) and (b) Due to paucity of funds, this project was slowed down and the target of opening the line to goods traffic by 30th June, 1966 was revised to 31st Dec, 1967.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN NCDC AND MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY BOARD ON PRICE OF KORBA COAL

524. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA :
SHRI D. THENGARI :

Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far to bring about an agreement between the National

Coal Development Corporation and Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board with regard to the prices to be paid for the Korba coal; and

(b) what is the exact nature of difficulty with Government for which the request of the Madhya Pradesh Government for the transfer of Manipur quarry to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for the purpose of mining of coal, could not be acceded to ?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : (a) A proposal for settling the dispute by arbitration is under consideration.

(b) The implications of large capital outlay and recurring expenditure involved in the proposal for transfer have been communicated to Madhya Pradesh Government. If after their consideration detailed proposals are sent to us they would be examined.

EXPORT OF INDIAN ALUMINIUM

525. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that after devaluation, Indian aluminium has become competitive in the world market;

(b) if so, what steps are being made to encourage the export of this mineral; and

(c) the names of the countries where this mineral is heavily exported ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The current production of aluminium in India is far below the indigenous demand for this metal. The question, therefore, of export of aluminium does not arise.

MYSORE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL ON INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

526. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals of Industrial projects having their foreign ex-