

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN GARO HILLS

*114 SHRI MATI LALITHA (RAJAGOPALAN) Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether any progress has been made in the construction of railway line in Garo Hills for the exploitation of minerals and other resources found there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Ministry of Railways, at present, for the construction of a railway line in Garo Hills. As the proposals for the Fourth Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised in conjunction with the Planning Commission and other concerned Ministries, it is too early to say whether this line will be taken up in the Fourth Plan.

BRINGING KAKINADA ON WALTAIR-MADRAS MAIN LINE

*115 SHRI G. MURAHARI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring Kakinada on the main line between Waltair and Madras on the Southern Railway; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) (a) No Sir.

(b) does not arise

TICKETLESS TRAVELLING ON INDARA-CHAPRA SECTION OF NE RAILWAY

*116 SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of surprise Magisterial checking of ticketless travelling on Indra-Chapra section of NE Railway during last three months and amounts recovered as penalty;

(b) the average increase in the sale of tickets on this section during these months, and

(c) whether in view of the experience the Railway would continue intensified checking on this section for coming few months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) (a) Surprise Magisterial checking against ticketless travelling was carried out on Indara-Chapra Section on 23 trains from January to March, 1965, and Rs 516 were realised as Railway dues and Rs. 7420 as fine.

(b) 14 per cent

(c) Yes, Sir

PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEES ON THE EASTERN RAILWAY

*117 SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has issued a circular in the last week of March, 1965 regarding readjustment of seniority and pay of certain categories of non gazetted railway employees;

(b) whether a number of employees on the Eastern Railway have been deprived of these benefits extended by the Railway Board; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

LOOT OF PASSENGER TRAIN

*118 SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is fact that a passenger train was looted in March, 1965 between Jhansi and Lucknow; and