

NEWSPRINT MILL IN PUNJAB

217. SHRI U. S. DUGAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been achieved in regard to the establishment of a newsprint mill in Punjab; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) and (b) Representatives of the Canadian Company likely to collaborate with the Indian party in setting up the newsprint plant visited this country in January last. The details of the collaboration terms, etc. are awaited.

EXTENSION OF BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINK TO GAUHATI

218. SHRI U. S. DUGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Committee has been formed for considering the extension of broad gauge Railway link to Gauhati; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

ECONOMIC AID FROM U.S.S.R.

219. SHRI U. S. DUGAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trade representative of the U.S.S.R. in India has indicated in Calcutta on the 3rd February, 1965 that Russia have plans to extend the field of economic co-operation to the private sector in India; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have been consulted in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) and (b) Information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN TRIPURA

220. SHRI T. M. DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total land required in Tripura for construction of nine miles Railway line up to Dharmanagar including station, staff quarters etc. and the amount of compensation paid for acquiring it ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : The total land acquired in Tripura for the Kalkalighat-Dharmanagar railway line including stations, staff quarters etc. is approximately 388 acres. Total compensation for the land paid as per estimates of the State Government is Rs. 12,45,180 including Rs. 1,03,000 compensation for standing crops.

NEW TRAINS FROM APRIL, 1965

221. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new trains that are going to be run in each zone from the 1st April, 1965; and

(b) the lines on which these trains are going to be run ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b) There are tentative proposals for the introduction/extension of thirty-six pairs of trains, in the new time table to come into force from the 1st April, 1965, on the different sections of the Zonal Railways as per details indicated in the attached statement.