

†[PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN GAYA AND GOMOH

*405. SHRI KAMTA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there is only one passenger train between Gaya and Gomoh on the Grand Chord line of the Eastern Railway and the rail passengers of the stations concerned are put to great inconvenience; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce another passenger train between these stations?]

रेल उपमंत्रा (श्री शाहनवाज खां):
(क) जी हाँ।

(ख) लाइन की क्षमता (line capacity) न होने की वजह से अभी कोई दूसरी गाड़ी चलाने का विचार नहीं है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes.

(b) Not at present due to non-availability of line capacity.]

RAILWAY FREIGHT ON IRON ORE

406. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway freight charged on iron ore despatched from Rajanpeta, Guddapeta, Badampahar, Kazipet, Bezwarra and Rajasthan Sectors to Madras, Calcutta, Kakinada and Kandla ports;

(b) what was the old rate of railway freight and when was it revised; and

(c) how has the revision of freight rate affected the export of iron ore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) and (b). The information asked for is given in a statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XXV, Annexure No. 30.]

(c) Export of iron ore is affected by several factors such as the demand therefor from the importing countries, availability of shipping space and the freight rates charged therefor, and the railway freight rate, and it is not possible to isolate and indicate the effect of one of these factors, namely, the increase in railway freight.

COMPLAINT AGAINST POSTAL AUTHORITIES OF MUZAFFARNAGAR

*407. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government received a written complaint from the Zila Patrakar Sangh of Muzaffarnagar (Uttar Pradesh), in August, 1958 against the postal authorities of Muzaffarnagar and the Superintendent of Post Offices of the division concerned;

(b) if so, what is the nature of this complaint; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) Yes.

(b) Alleged tampering of mail.

(c) The allegations were not found correct. Supervision has, however, been tightened.

‡ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ENGINEERS AT CHAMBAL BRIDGE

*364. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the News Bulletin of "All India Junior Engineers Federation" of March, 1959, in connection with the allegations made against the senior engineers incharge of the constructional project at Chambal Bridge; and

†[] English translation.

‡Transferred from 6th May 1959.