

(a) the airports which are established in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the steps being taken to absorb the local people for jobs in these airport establishments?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) There are three airports in Himachal Pradesh namely Kulu (Bhuntar), Shimla and Gaggal (Kangra). Kulu and Shimla airports belong to National Airports Authority. Government of Himachal Pradesh have constructed an airport at Gaggal (Kangra).

(b) In the airports controlled by National Airports Authority, Group 'D' posts have been filled locally. In Group 'C' posts, recruitments are made through local Employment Exchange.

Tellapur-Patancheru Railway Link

5129. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given approval for laying railway line from Tellapur to Patancheru to connect Hyderabad-Wadi broad-gauge line;

(b) whether the work on the project has been started;

(c) if so, when this project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to extend

the aforesaid railway line upto Sangareddy (Medak District Headquarters) and later to Medak finally to connect Kazipet-Balharsha railway line at Peddapally?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Will depend upon availability of resources and allocations to be made in the coming years to this project.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

[Translation]

Monopoly of A.H. Wheelers

5130. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of book stalls of A.H. Wheelers at railway stations, zone-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to end the monopoly of this company; and provide jobs to thousands of the unemployed persons; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The total number of book stalls held by M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. zone-wise are as under:—

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Number of book stalls</i>
1	2
Central	75
Eastern	42