

[English]

Funds for Konkan Railway Project38. **SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:****SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHANAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation has been permitted to raise funds by issuing public bonds for the Konkan Railway Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount required for the project during 1992-93;

(c) the progress made in the project so far; and

(d) whether the project is likely to be completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Ministry of Finance have permitted Indian Railway Finance (IRFC) to issue 9% tax free bonds of Rs. 150 crores and to transfer the amount to Konkan Railway Corporation. Konkan Railway Corporation has separately put in an application for another Rs 100 crores. Total requirement of funds during 1992-93 is estimated at Rs. 438 crores (Expenditure Rs. 400 crores and Interest Rs. 38 crores)

(c) and (d). Work is in progress on the entire length of the project. Work on Mangalore-Udupi (70 Km) and Roha-Daegaon (45 Km) is in advanced stage of completion and is expected to be commissioned in April and June, 1992 respectively. The Konkan Railway Corporation who is entrusted with the execution of this project has reported that the entire project is ex-

pected to be completed as per schedule subject, however, to steady flow of funds as required.

Own your wagon scheme39. **SHRI BARELAL JATAV:**
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAHJESWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering the introduction of "own your wagon" scheme with private participation to meet the gap between the demand and supply of wagons;

(b) if so, the main features thereof and whether it also include leasing of wagons; and

(c) the total requirement of wagons in the country and to what extent the requirement is being fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features and terms and conditions of the Scheme including leasing arrangements are under finalisation.

(c) Requirement of wagons in the VIII Five Year Plan has been projected at 1,50,000 wagons. Actual procurement will depend on plan allocation.

[Translation]

T.V. Sets in Hospitals40. **SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. sets have been installed in some hospitals of Delhi for the entertainment of nurses, doctors and other staff members;

(b) if so, the names of such hospitals and the number of T.V. sets installed therein;

(c) whether the patients are being neglected during T.V. programme hours; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) to (d). No T.V. set has been installed in any Hospital of Delhi under the control of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Delhi Administration for the entertainment of nurses, doctors and other staff members. However, some T.V. sets which have been donated by public are installed in some Hospitals at different places, primarily for the comfort of patients and others.

[English]

"Clearance upper Wardha Project"

41. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have cleared the Upper Wardha Project in Maharashtra from environmental angle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Upper Wardha Project was rejected

in July, 1990 due to non-submission of requisite environmental data and action plans.

(c) Comprehensive Environmental management Plans are still awaited on Catchment Area Treatment, Rehabilitation master Plan, Command Area Development, survey of flora, fauna etc.

"Afforestation Programme under 20-Point Programme"

42. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on afforestation under the 20 - point programme during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of trees planted under the programme during the last three years, state-wise;

(c) whether Union Government propose to substantially expand afforestation in new areas during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The State-wise utilisation of funds on afforestation and tree planting activities under the 20 - point Programme during the last