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23.	Andaman & Nicobar	NR	33	176	65	11	25
24.	Arunachal	NR	65	128	183	NR	—
25.	Chandigarh	NR	64	NR	165	NR	90
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NR	112	NR	112	3	41
27.	Daman & Diu	NR	13	NR	79	NR	32
28.	Nagaland	NR	97	NR	213	NR	—
29.	Lakshadweep	NR	Nil	NR	NR	NR	—
30.	Meghalaya	NR	157	NR	311	NR	—
31.	Pondicherry	88	162	62	476	8	66
32.	Sikkim	NR	Nil	72	75	11	32
Total :		7601	31880	117926	194330	23152	58769

NR - Not Reported

[English]

Train from Delhi to Mirzapur

2540. SHRI RAM NIHORI RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce a Superfast train from New Delhi to Mirzapur or Shaktinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Health Care Services

2541. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the districts in Gujarat State where British-aided Health Care Schemes are implemented;

(b) the details of Health Care Scheme provided in these district under the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme would be introduced in the remaining districts of the State; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (d). A Project titled "Malaria Containment Research Project" is being implemented in Surat District of Gujarat State for containment of Malaria with British assistance. The project was signed on 15th June, 1995 for an amount

of Pounds, 4,000622. The project will provide inputs for management assistance, training, vehicles equipments, consumables, insecticides etc.

An integrated family welfare project is also being implemented by Tribhuban Das Foundation in Kaira district of the State. The British assistance for this project is 2.6 million pounds. The project aims to improve health and family welfare status in Kaira district through an integrated family welfare scheme based on village level cooperative infrastructure.

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2542. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have launched a number of schemes through Khadi and Village Industries Commission in Goa for the benefit of rural artisan/poor;

(b) if so, the details of each of the scheme, in terms of objective, method of operation-implementing agency, allocation for the State for the last three years, year-wise, targets set financial and physical and targets achieved scheme-wise separately;

(c) whether the implementation of the schemes was properly monitored/evaluated to ensure that the benefits reach the target groups and details of such arrangements made;

(d) the recovery position of loans distributed and action taken against reported cases of diversion/misutilisation of loans sanctioned; and

(e) funds allocated for the current year for each scheme, and the targets set for Goa under such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e) The information

is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production of Organic Manure

2543. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal before the Coir Board to produce organic manure from Coir pit on a large scale; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Coir Board's Central Coir Research Institute, in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural Research University, has developed a technology for conversion of coir pith into organic manure in 30 days using a fungal culture known pithplus. A pilot scale laboratory for production and supply of pithplus has also been set up. In order to popularise the use of pithplus, a scheme for conducting field level demonstrations on the conversion of coir pith into organic manure using pithplus was launched on 24th November, 1995. Initially, under the scheme, 50 locations have been identified for production of organic manure from coir pith, where 2500 MT of coir pith will be converted to approx. 1750 MT of organic manure. The coir units would be assisted by the technical staff of the Coir Board by demonstrating the technique and by giving training in the production of organic manure from coir pith free of charge. Pithplus and Urea required for the demonstration also would be supplied to the units by the Coir Board free of cost.

Production and Export of Bicycles

2544. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the status of India in the World in bicycles production and bicycles manufactured by the major manufacturers from 1990-91 to 1994-95;

(b) the number of bicycles and their components exported, foreign exchange earned during the aforesaid period;

(c) whether India's share in exports is much less as compared to the production of bicycles;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Research and Development programmes in bicycle industry has remained static with no further investment and manufacturers do not allocate sufficient funds; and

(f) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production and export of quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (c) India is the second largest producer of bicycles after China. The bicycles manufactured in the country by the major manufacturers from 1990-91 to 1994-95 are as follows:

Year	Production (in lakhs)
1990-91	70.84
1991-92	71.50
1992-93	69.63
1993-94	74.41
1994-95	78.78

The export of complete bicycles and parts from India is as follows :

Period	Complete bicycles		Parts	Total*
	incl. cycle rickshaw Qty. (in thousand)	Value (in crore rupees)	Value (in crore rupees)	Value (in crore rupees)
1990-91	2.34	15.27	145.98	161.25
1991-92	6.02	53.40	240.95	294.35
1992-93	9.24	97.20	343.42	440.62
1993-94	12.53	154.75	377.76	532.51
1994-95	11.03	146.50	324.31	470.81

*(Estimated)

(d) to (f) Several factors have been responsible for hampering the growth of R & D in the Indian bicycle industry. Some of these are tariff protection for a considerable period, lack of any foreign competition, dependence on imported raw materials, local demand for the roadster type and bulk production being in small scale and ancillary units. Nevertheless, there have been advances in the field of bicycle design and technology after the mid-1970s and now the manufacturers have installed modern machines and equipments and employed mass production techniques. Highly effective quality control programmes have been adopted from pre-manufacturing to post-manufacturing stages. Better quality bicycle parts are also now being produced in the country. There are no regulatory constraints for enhancement of production turnover.

In order to give a fillip to export of bicycles, the concerned Export Promotion Council is sending teams to study developments in overseas markets with a view to adopt the same at home, and is also proposing to participate in international fairs abroad.

Railway Projects

2545. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Railway Projects in West Bengal pending with the Union Government for approval;