

(b) By December, 1996.

(c) the following sections of the Konkan Railway have already been completed and opened for passenger traffic :-

Section	Kms.
(i) Roha-Veer	48
(ii) Veer-Khed	52
(iii) Khed-Chiplun	30
(iv) Kundapur-Udupi	32
(v) Udupi-Mangalore	68
Total	230

(d) The total expenditure of the project during 1995-96 is Rs. 368.04 crores on works side and the amount required to complete the project is approximately Rs. 300 crores.

Agricultural Production

2183. SHRI PINAKI MISRA :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the percentage of increase in agricultural production is in proportion to population growth during 1991 to 1995;

(b) if so, the figures thereof during the said period State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to maintain parity?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The percentage increase in agricultural production during 1991 to 1995 is higher than proportionate increase in population during the same period at the all India level.

(b) The State-wise annual percentage increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from agriculture and population growth for the period 1991-92 to 1994-95 is shown in the statement-I enclosed.

(c) Various developmental programmes are being implemented for increasing the production and productivity of various commodities like rice, wheat, coarse cereals, cotton, jute & mesta, sugarcane, milk, eggs, etc. at the rate which would be higher than the rate of growth of population and also sufficient enough to meet the increasing demand due to rise in per capita income.

STATEMENT

Rate of Growth for the period 1991 to 1995

(per cent per annum)

States	Gross Domestic Product from Agriculture	Population
Andhra Pradesh	1.14	1.57
Assam	(-) 1.02	2.02
Bihar	(-) 0.56	2.15
Gujrat	12.31	1.90
Haryana	3.44	2.35
Himachal Pradesh	0.21	1.87
Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.
Karnataka	3.50	1.75
Kerala	3.98	1.16
Madhya Pradesh	5.04	2.19
Maharashtra	10.46	1.77
Orissa	0.41	1.60
Punjab	2.58	1.87
Rajasthan	6.60	2.47
Tamilnadu	5.37	1.17
Uttar Pradesh	0.93	2.42
West Bengal	N.A.	1.76
All-India	3.95	1.94

N.A. : Not available

Accident at Erode

2184. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that accidents in Erode Sector took place frequently

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of accidents in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) There has been one accident at Erode during the period April-June, 1996. In this accident, 57 tank wagons of a goods train derailed on 14.6.1996 due to the loss of control by the driver on a falling gradient. The Driver of the Train, Assistance Driver and the Guard have been held responsible and placed under suspension.