

officers to be sent abroad annually. The annual expenditure involved in future training abroad therefore can not be worked out.

[Translation]

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN RAJASTHAN

929. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unelectrified villages in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government propose to electrify the entire rural area in Rajasthan under special drive during the next three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) As on 31-3-1991, 8023 inhabited villages remain to be electrified in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) The remaining villages are likely to be electrified in the normal course, in future, subject to availability of funds and other inputs.

INDORE-DOHAD RAILWAY LINE

930. SHRI BISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the Union Government accorded sanction for laying a new Indore-Dohad railway line;

(b) the amount spent so far on this project;

(c) when the funds were made available in the annual budget of the Union Government;

(d) the names of the places between which the said railway line and the total length in kilometres; and

(e) whether the Union Government propose to accelerate the pace of work of

this line, if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 1989-90

(b) Rs. 5.50 crores upto 31-3-91

(c) with effect from 1989-90

(d) Godhra-Dahod-Maksi via Sardarpur, Dhar, Jhabua and between Dewas-Maksi (316 km).

(e) Yes, Sir. The allocation for this line has been increased to Rs. 11 crores in 91-92 as against Rs. 5.39 crores in 90-91.

[English]

NEW DIVISIONS IN WESTERN RAILWAY

931. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals for opening new divisions in Western Railway and other railways received by the Government;

(b) the number of proposals approved out of them; and

(c) the criteria adopted for the acceptance of such proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Since January 1990, Ministry of Railways have received proposals for the creation of 12 new railway divisional headquarters including one each at Gandhidham and Ahmedabad on Western Railway.

(b) Except for the proposal pertaining to creation of a new divisional headquarters at Nanded which had been approved by the Ministry of Railways earlier, no other proposal for creation of a new divisional headquarters is presently under consideration of the Government.

(c) New Railway Divisions are set-up taking into consideration the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and

other operational requirements of the existing divisions consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

[*Translation*]

FLYING CLUBS IN MADHYA PRADESH

932. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of flying clubs functioning in the country at present;

(b) the number of flying clubs in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether any proposal has been received to increase the number of flying clubs in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the towns in respect of which these proposals have been received and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) 26 Flying Clubs.

(b) One.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There are two proposals to set up new Flying Clubs at Bhilai and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Flying Clubs are set up and managed by Registered Societies or autonomous bodies and State Governments. After they provide the necessary infrastructure and facilities and are ready for operation, DGCA provides a subsidy to them. A decision in the case of these two proposals will therefore depend upon the required facilities being available and the prescribed conditions of DGCA being fulfilled.

[*English*]

RAMPUR-HALDWANI RAILWAY LINE

933. SHRI BALRAJ PASI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The progress made in the construction of Rampur-Haldwani Railway line; and

(b) the steps being taken for the expeditious completion of this projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Physical progress is 55 per cent. Work is being progressed in full swing.

(b) All assistance is being provided to the zonal railway for expeditious completion of the work.

[*Translation*]

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN ETAH DISTRICT, UTTAR PRADESH

934. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the rural electrification schemes, electric poles have been erected in many villages of Etah district in Uttar Pradesh and there is no power supply; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure supply of power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Scheme under which villages are electrified comprises of erection of poles in the first instance followed by stringing of conductors, affixing of insulators and lastly energising the line. This is an on-going activity. In Etah district of Uttar Pradesh, as per the available information, as on 31-3-91, 1088 villages out of 1510 inhabited villages have been electrified.

[*English*]

SHORTAGE OF POWER IN COUNTRY

935. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of power in the country;