

Resources has already agreed to provide their share and Ministry of Railways has allocated their share in the Budget 1991-92. The main work in the khadir of the river is tentatively planned for 1992-93 subject to co-sharers contributing their shares in time.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Saharsa Railway Station

1810. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had taken a decision regarding modernisation of some railway stations two years ago;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the criteria adopted for their selection;

(c) whether Saharsa railway station in Bihar also comes in the said category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to modernise the above railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 67 Railway Stations all over Indian Railways were selected to be developed as Model Stations in 1986. These stations were selected out of the stations serving the State Capitals, Zonal Headquarters, important junctions and places of specific importance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Departure time of Express Train Running between Ramnagar and Delhi

1811. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Express train running between Ramnagar on North

East Railway and Delhi junction stops at Muradabad station for more than two hours and passengers have to face a lot of difficulties as a result thereof:

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to change the departure time of this train at Ramnagar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) 4055-A Ramnagar-Delhi Express arrives Moradabad at 15.15 hrs. and gets amalgamated with 4055 Bareilly-Delhi Express arriving/leaving Moradabad at 16.40 hrs. and 17.10 hrs. respectively. It is presently not operationally feasible to change the timings.

Pending Projects in Bihar

1812. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various oil related schemes/projects in Bihar have been pending with the Union Government for a long period;

(b) If so, the details thereof and when these projects and schemes/proposals were received from the Government of Bihar;

(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by which the approval is likely to be given to each of these projects and schemes?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) All proposals received are considered and cleared as expeditiously as possible.