

(a) the number of power projects taken up in Orissa during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) the names of the projects out of those which have been completed so far;

(c) the amount of allocation made for each of those schemes during that plan period; and

(d) the progress made in the completion of such projects ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) to (d). Three power projects aggregating to 560 MW were to be commissioned in Orissa during Sixth Plan period. Out of these, one project namely Talcher Thermal Power Extension Scheme of 220 MW capacity has been commissioned. The amount of allocation and progress made in the completion of other projects is given below :—

Name of Scheme	Approved outlay during 6th Plan (Rs. in lacs)	Progress
Reneali Hydel Project (2 × 50 MW)	5300	Spillway gate are under erection, concreting of embedded parts for penstock gates and stop logs is in progress. Project expected to be completed in 1985-86.
Upper Kola's Hydel Project (3 × 80 MW)	9700	Main dam & pen stocks erection is in progress. Spiral casing of Unit I has been erected. Excavation in tail-race channel has been completed. Project expected to be completed in 1987-88.

Restoration of Free Travel Facility to Disabled Government Employees in DTC Buses

1956. SHRI MOHAMMAD MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the free travel facility in D.T.C buses given to the disabled Government employees who are recipient of special conveyance allowance has been withdrawn ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether this being an Int.-national Year of The Disabled, Government propose to consider restoring the free travel facility to the disabled Government employees keeping in view its policy to provide maximum facility to the disabled and the concession being more in the nature of a facility than a benefit ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI : (a) to (d). The free travel facility in DTC buses given to the disabled government employees who were also in receipt of special allowance, was withdrawn with effect from 16-10-1984 as it was considered to be a double benefit. However, the matter was subsequently reviewed and with effect from 16-2-85, the facility of free travel on DTC buses was restored to all handicapped Central Government employees irrespective of the conveyance allowance, if any being paid to them by the Government.

Rehabilitation of Leprosy Patients through Leprosy Centres and Leprosy Control in Orissa

1957. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the steps are taken by Government for the rehabilitation of leprosy patients through Leprosy Centres ;

(b) if so, the number of Leprosy Centres functioning in Orissa at present ; and

(c) the details of schemes taken up in Orissa to provide rehabilitation of leprosy patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). Three rehabilitation units at (i) Hatibari, (ii) Cuttack and (iii) Puri, are functioning in Orissa, in collaboration with Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh, Orissa Branch. In addition, funds have been released to the Government of Orissa for the establishment of one Leprosy Rehabilitation Promotion unit through NIPOT-at Olatpur-Bairoi, Cuttack.

Survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir Rail line

1958. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have conducted survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir for construction of a Railway line ;

(b) the progress made in regard to completion of the survey ; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government to undertake survey work during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and

(b). The survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir rail line has been entrusted to RITES who are studying various alternatives.

(c) The amount allocated for this survey work during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 17.02 lakhs respectively.

[Translation]

Introduction of an Express Train between Forbisganj and Hajipur via Saharsa and Mansi

1959. SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received requests for introducing of an Express Train from Forbisganj to Hajipur (Bihar) via Saharsa and Mansi, meter-Gauge line so that passengers may be able to reach Patna by this train and catch another train for Delhi or other long distance trains because at present one has to change two or more trains to reach Hajipur (Bihar) from Forbisganj due to which the passengers have to spend more time and face inconveniences ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regards ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) and (c). On account of conversion of Barauni-Khagaria Section to Broad Gauge, the Metre Gauge route between Forbisganj and Hajipur has become circuitous and therefore, it is not desirable to introduce an Express Train between Forbisganj and Hajipur.

People desirous of travelling from Forbisganj to Hajipur (Patna) can do so via Katihar by 111/112, 113/114, 35/36 and 37/38 Jogbani-Katihar