

and grants and is not tied to any Project or sector of development. As the spill-over cost of ongoing projects is far more than the approved Plan outlay, the State Government have to accord relative priorities to individual projects and provide adequate funds for their completion.

Mukerian-Sansarpur Terrace Project

2595. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has examined the proposal to take over the entire Railway project linking Mukerian with Sansarpur Terrace as an extension of the approved Mukerian-Talwara Railway Project which forms a part of Nangal-Amb-Talwara-Mukerian BG Rail line;

(b) if so, whether the necessary modification has been made so as to bring Sansarpur Terrace on this line; and

(c) if so, the likely date by which the entire project would be completed and whether the Mukerian-Sansarpur Terrace would be undertaken at the earliest so as to ensure the opening of this section to passenger and goods traffic?

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

(b) No Sir.

(c) Railway line from Nangal Dam to Rai-Mehatpur (6.4 kms.) has since been completed and opened to goods traffic in March, 1985.

Completion of the new line upto Talwara and taking over and upgrading of Talwara-Mukerian siding will depend on availability of resources in the coming years. It is not proposed to take over railway siding from Talwara to Sansarpur Terrace.

Mobile Ambulance to States For Rural Areas

2596. KUMARI MAMATA BENERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many mobile ambulances have been allotted by the Central Government in different rural areas of the States;

(b) whether the Central Government receive any report from time to time from the State Governments regarding proper use of the said ambulances; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Government of India do not allot any ambulances to the State Government for use in rural areas.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Rail-Card Passes for Free Travel to Some Persons

2597. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail-card passes have been issued to some persons by the Department of Railway for free travel by rail; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the criterion laid down for issuing such card passes?

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

(b) Thirty Complimentary Card Passes, current as on 30.11.1985, have been issued. These passes are issued with the personal approval of the Minister for