

provides inter-alia, for planning of irrigation projects with relaxation of normal criteria in regard to techno-economic viability.

(b) The policy of the Government envisages sharing of waters of inter-State rivers by negotiations amongst the concerned States, with assistance from the Centre wherever necessary and adjudication for resolving disputes which cannot be settled by negotiations.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to take up modernisation of old irrigation systems for efficient use of available resources. Further, a programme to improve performance of existing irrigation projects through introduction of better operation of the distribution system so as to ensure equity in water availability to all farmers of the command area is also under consideration.

Electric trains to cover Delhi/New Delhi and Surrounding Colonies

2701. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to start electric trains in order to cover short distances in Delhi/New Delhi and surrounding colonies, like electric suburban trains in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras ; and

(b) if so, the time frame within which such trains will start running ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of New Divisions/Zones in the Country

2702. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Reforms Committee has recommended for crea-

tion of new Divisions/Zones for better administration, maintenance and operation ;

(b) whether any of the new Divisions/Zones have since been created by the Railways Department alongwith the dates from they have come into being ; and

(c) if not, whether new Zones/Divisions would be created during the current financial year ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Stoppage of Express Trains at Majhangarh in North-Eastern Railway

2703. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on the loop line under North Eastern Railway passing through Chhapra-Khaira-Hurbhua-Thave there is a place near Gorakhpur called Majhangarh which is a block headquarter and a commercial town ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the residents of that place have for long been demanding stoppage of Express trains passing through the place ; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide a stoppage of Express trains at Majhangarh soon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Majhangarh is a block headquarter but not a commercial town.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.