

combinations has been sanctioned by the Ministry, and it is in progress. The monitoring agency for the same is the Central Road Research Institute.

Production of Electric Locomotives by Jhansi Unit of Bharat Electricals Limited

6098. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Jhansi Unit of Bharat Electricals Limited will produce electric locomotives in order to meet the increasing demand of electric locomotives with the progress of electrification in trunk routes ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Chittaranjan Locomotive Works will not be able to cope with the demands of locomotives during Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(c) whether the number of locomotives produced in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is less than the target for the year 1985-87 ; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. propose undertaking manufacture of electric locomotives and components thereof in their factories at Bhopal and Jhansi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Steps to Increase flow of Traffic at Calcutta Port

6099. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any enquiry has since been conducted into the causes and circumstances for which Calcutta Port is not attracting foreign ships at the Port ;

(b) whether the outgoing Chairman of the Calcutta Port Trust had submitted his report about the prospects and working of the Calcutta Port ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the flow of traffic at the Port and offer better infrastructure facilities to the incoming vessels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Since there is no decline in the number of foreign ships visiting Calcutta Port, the question of enquiring into the causes and circumstances of Calcutta Port not attracting foreign ships does not arise.

(b) No report has been received from the outgoing Chairman about the prospects and working of the Calcutta Port.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The steps taken to increase the flow of traffic at Calcutta Port and offer infrastructural facilities to incoming vessels are listed in the statement below. However, Calcutta port excluding Haldia Docks have reported an increase of 2.8% traffic in 1985-86. Over 1984-85 Haldia Dock has registered an increase of 22.1% in the same period.

Statement

(i) A comprehensive scheme for improvement of draft in the Hooghly Estuary at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.50 crores has been under implementation since 1982 with a view to increase the draft for ships visiting both Calcutta and Haldia.

(ii) New tugs have been procured during Sixth Plan in replacement of old tugs, for handling vessels. In 7th Plan also, three new tugs are proposed to be procured in replacement of old tugs.