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Fiscal Deficit

1735. SHRI H.B. PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium of the World Bank has cautioned India to contain the fiscal deficit;

(b) the position of the fiscal deficit of the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to contain the fiscal deficit and reduce the pressure on the balance of payments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) At the India Consortium meeting held in Paris in June 1989 Members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budgetary deficit. Some of them however said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction.

(b) The budgetary deficit of the Central Government amounted to Rs. 8261 crores in 1986-87, Rs. 5816 crores in 1987-88 and according to data received from Reserve Bank of India, Rs. 5809 crores in 1988-89.

(c) Government has initiated several measures to contain budgetary deficit. These include measures to maintain the buoyancy of tax revenue collection, prevent evasion of taxes and contain the growth of low priority and non-developmental expenditure. A compression of the present scale of fiscal imbalance would contribute towards improvement in the balance of payments by narrowing the savings-investment gap of the econ-

Lalitpur-Khajuraho Railways Line

1736. SHRIMATI VIDYAVATI CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work with regard to Lalitpur, Khairada via Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Khajuraho railway line has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Survey for Lalitpur Singrauli railway line via Chhatarpur-Khajuraho-Sidhi has been approved in 1988-89. The Survey would be taken in hand soon after monsoons this year.

[English]

Frequency of Jammu-Rajkot Weekly Train

1737. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received requests to convert long distance Jammu-Rajkot weekly train into a daily train due to increasing rush in the said train; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Requests for increase in its frequency have