

(c) the other measures being taken to check over-crowding ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). In the Winter Time Table which has come into force from 1st Oct. '86, on the Northern Railway, four pairs of the new trains have been introduced, the run of 18 trains has been extended, load of 6 pairs of trains has been increased, and through coaches have been introduced between 7 pairs of station to cater to the increase in traffic. Besides this 6 pairs of special trains were run between Bombay and Delhi and 25 pairs between Calcutta and Delhi/Dehradun to clear the Puja and Diwali rush. Additional coaches are put on trains where heavy overcrowding is reported.

**Excavation of Buddhist Relics at
Saraswati Sanctuary near Nepal
Border**

3807. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a joint Indo-Japan project to excavate 'Buddhist relics at the Saraswati Sanctuary near the Nepal border where Gautam Buddha preached his disciples in the 5th Century B.C. is under way;

(b) if so, the role assigned to the Archaeological Survey of India in the proposed joint survey and whether any preliminary studies have been initiated by the ASI to find remains of the 20 metre high stone pillars, built by Emperor Ashoka in the South-eastern part of the site; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b). Excavation at the ancient site of Sravasti, District Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh is being undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India with the participation of experts from Kansai University, Japan.

No preliminary studies have been undertaken to find stone pillars at the site. However, excavation will reveal the archaeological remains lying buried at the site.

(c) Does not arise.

Reduction in Fare to Gulf Countries

3808. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India has reduced the fare for India/Gulf Sectors in September, 1986;

(b) if so, the actual reduction made;

(c) whether the reduction in fare was withdrawn within a few days; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir. There has been no reduction in the official fares on the India/Gulf sectors, which are established by International Air Transport Association.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Edamalayar Tunnel

3809. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the concrete samples from Edamalayar tunnel in Karala were examined by the National Council for Cement and building materials; and

(b) if so, the result of the analysis ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). Concrete samples from Edamalayar Tunnel were examined in Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, and the test result indicated that the concrete was of requisite quality.

New Railway Lines in Seventh Plan

3810. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new Railway lines are under the consideration of the Planning Commission for approval and inclusion in the Seventh Plan for construction;

(b) if so, the names of the lines with their relevant details like the cost of construction and the likely period of construction;

(c) if not, whether the Planning Commission would consider the proposals surveyed during the three years, including those surveyed as deposit work on behalf of the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details of such surveys and the likely date by which a decision regarding their approval would be taken by the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Details of proposals for new lines referred by the Railways and under consideration of the Planning Commission are as under :

Name of the line	Length (kms.)	Cost (Rs. Crores)
1. Satna-Rewa	50	38.73
2. Indore-Dahod	182	82.67
3. Guwahati-Dibrugarh/ Tinsukia via Nagaon, Jorhat, Sibsagar	464	342.00

Period of construction will depend on time of approval and availability of resources for New Lines.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Decision on projects mentioned in reply to parts (a) and (b) will take some time as the survey reports have to be examined in detail from all angles.

12.00 hrs.

[*Translation*]

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Samantji, your motion on prices would be taken up on Monday—

[*English*]

—and you can have a discussion on that.

DR. DATTA SAMANT (Bombay South Central) : The situation is very bad.

MR. SPEAKER : That is what I have already done. We have already decided to have a discussion. Nothing more can be done.

DR. DATTA SAMANT : Sir, the roads are blocked...

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : I have already said that. I shall not be able to do anything more.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I can allow a discussion and we are having a discussion. So simple it is.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : What is your point of order ?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mahbubnagar) : I have tabled a notice on the Reserve Bank Report on Reliance industries...

MR. SPEAKER : We can discuss it.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : How can we discuss it ?

MR. SPEAKER : We have already done it. If there is time, we will see to it.