

rehabilitation assistance to the affected persons in accordance with the existing Government instructions.

Air Conditioned Bogle for Vikramshila Express

2249. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to attach an airconditioned bogie to 'Vikramshila Express' which runs between Delhi and Bhagalpur; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Non-availability of maintenance facilities at Bhagalpur and shortage of Air-conditioned coaches.

[English]

Electrification of Madras-New Delhi Railway Line

2250. SHRI E.S.M. PAKEER MOHAMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programme chalked out for electrification of Madras-New Delhi railway line;

(b) whether the work is behind schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for expeditious completion of the work; and

(e) when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Madras-New Delhi trunk route has been electrified upto Itarsi from Delhi end and upto Nagpur from Madras end. Electrification works on the remaining Itarsi-Nagpur section are in an advanced stage of completion.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A new technology Optic Fibre communication system for block working which is being installed for the first time on the Railways in the Itarsi-Nagpur section is taking more time than anticipated.

(d) Necessary measures have been identified and are being carried out.

(e) During 1990-91.

Technology Mission in Punjab

2251. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technology mission is functioning in Punjab to provide technical know-how to industrial establishments, particularly to medium and small scale units and other centres of developmental activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits provided by such a technology mission to the above units/centres;

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to establish such a technology mission in Punjab; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.