

Facilities is expected to be completed by May, 1990.

Construction of Double Lines and Electrification of Bandel-Katwa Section

42. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a long standing demand of the people of West Bengal for the construction of double lines and electrification of the Bandel-Katwa section of Eastern Railways in order to achieve perspective industrial development and agricultural marketing; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed in this regard and the time frame laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A techno-economic survey for augmentation of line capacity on this section has been taken up. Further action would be taken after the survey is completed, subject to availability of resources.

Proposal to set up Airport in each District

43. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to open airports in all the districts of the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to open an airport in Kanyakumari district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Stoppage of Kisan Express at Bilwai Railway Station

44. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kisan Express between Varansi and Jalandhar previously used to halt at Bilwai railway station is not halting there now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore its stoppage at Bilwai station in view of the great public demand?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to restore the stoppage with effect from 1.1.1990.

Suspension of Train services between Patan and Kakoshi and Chanasma and Harij

45. SHRI KHEMCHANDBHAI SOMABHAI CHAVDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether train services were discontinued from Patan to Kakoshi and Chanasma to Harij in the Rajkot division;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to restore these train services in this backward region;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.