

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). It will be the endeavour of the Government to remove regional imbalances in industrial development during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan is, however, yet to be formulated.

Modernisation of Biharsharif Railway Station

89. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Biharsharif railway station in Nalanda District in Bihar which connects tourist places of international importance like Biharsharif, Rajgrih, Nalanda and Pawapuri, during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Amenities provided at Biharsharif Railway Station are considered adequate, as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with.

Introduction of Train between Narkatiyaganj and Hazipur

90. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for introducing a train from Narkatiyaganj to Hazipur and to make improvements in Janaki Express; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

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

(b) Introduction of direct meter gauge train between Narkatiyaganj and Hazipur is not feasible due to resource constraints and lack of traffic justification in the context of fast road services after opening of Gandhi Setu Road Bridge. Provision of AC sleeper on Janaki Exp. is also presently feasible due to shortage.

Action is being taken to ensure regular running of 1st Class Coach on Janki Express.

Modernisation of Sitamarhi Railway Station

91. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for the modernisation of Sitamarhi (Bihar) railway station and for providing accommodation for the passengers there; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) Amenities at stations are provided, as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with. Adequate passenger amenities are available at this station, as per norms. Keeping in view the importance of the station, action is being taken to extend the cover over the platform and the work in this regard is likely to be completed in 1990.

Appointment of Lawyers on Railways

92. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: