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(c) whether Government propose to remove this difference so that the train reaches New Delhi one and a half hours early?

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

(b) Operational requirements and connection.

(c) It is not feasible to reduce the journey time in Dn. direction.

[Translation]

Opening of more container Depots in Northern India

5073. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

 (a) whether there is a demand to open more container depots in Northern India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) The Container Corporation of India a Government of India Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways would establish additional Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) at various locations in Northern India for export/import traffic during the 8th Plan period.

[English]

UNDP assistance to Agro-Based Pulp and Paper Industry

5074. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: (a) whether Government have signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme for technical assistance to agro-based pulp and paper industry;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed agreement;

(c) to what extent, UNDP has agreed to provide international experts to the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute; and

(d) the time by which the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d). Government of India have entered into an agreement with the UNDP on 12.9.1989 for assistance to non-wood based Pulp and Paper Industry in the following areas:-

- (i) Studies on refining of non-wood fibre pulps;
- (ii) Treatment of effluents;
- (iii) Solid waste reduction;
- (iv) Energy conservation; and
- (v) Reduction of water consumption.

The extant agreement envisages visit of foreign technical advisers and consultants for a total period of 40 man-months. The duration of the agreement is three years.

Refund of booking deposits by M/s Hero Honda

5075. SHRI E. S. M. PACKEER MOHMED: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints against M/s. Hero Honda regarding abnormal delay in the refund of the deposits which they have kept in the com-