

**Belthara Road (Balia) Thermal Power Project**

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.**

→ 1224. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(b) Does not arise.

(a) whether environment clearance has been given to Belthara Road (Balia) Thermal Power Project;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite clearance of this project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The project was rejected on 9.6.89 due to non-submission of requisite information. The project will be considered from environmental angle on receipt of the requisite information from the project authority.

**Expansion of Track Network in Eastern and South-Eastern Railway**

1225. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:  
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal or initiated any action to expand track network of Eastern and South-Eastern Railways to facilitate movement of coal wagons to the Kolaghat, Bakreswar and Balagarh power projects in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

**Introduction of New Trains**

1226. SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:  
DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY:  
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:  
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:  
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:  
SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN:  
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:  
SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN:  
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by the Government for introduction of new passenger, express and superfast trains; and

(b) the details of the trains introduced during last six months and proposed to be introduced in near future in each zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Traffic justification, type of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

(b) A statement containing list of trains introduced during the last six months is attached. Introduction of new trains is an ongoing process.