

(a) whether the Government have received representations for providing additional passenger facilities at Kalwa Terminal (central Railway) in Thane District of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Computerisation of Railway Sectors

6853. PROF. UMMAREDDY
VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme of the Railways for introduction of computerisation in different sectors;

(b) the sector-wise progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the coming years in this regard and the time by which the process is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA)

(a) to (c) The details, progress made and the steps proposed to be taken in the coming years are as under-

i) PASSENGER RESERVATION

Computerised reservation systems have been installed in 43 major cities and work is in progress in 13 locations. Extension of the scheme to about 11 more stations/towns has also been approved. With these stations 80 per cent of reservation workload would be computerised

ii) FREIGHT OPERATIONS

It is planned to computerise freight Operations

on Indian Railways. Work has commenced on Northern Railway

iii) PREPARATION OF RAILWAY RECEIPTS

Work on six stations is in progress. Work on 10 more loading points has been approved

iv) OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Personnel Computers are being used in various departments of Indian Railways

v) PERSONNEL & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Work has been implemented/under implementation on 27 Divisions. Work in respect of 7 more Divisions has been approved

vi) WORKSHOP MANAGEMENT

The scheme has been implemented in 14 workshops and further extension of this facility in six more workshops has been approved

vii) INVENTORY CONTROL & PURCHASE FUNCTIONS

The scheme has been implemented in 18 States Depots and further extension at three more Stores Depots has been approved

viii) UNRESERVED TICKETING

Computerisation of ticketing has been implemented/under implementation in New Delhi, Guwahati & Bangalore. The scheme is proposed to be extended to a few other cities

ix) CLAIMS INFORMATION

The scheme has been implemented/under implementation in 6 Railway Headquarters

x) **HOSPITAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

The scheme has been implemented/under implementation in 5 Railway Hospitals

Compensation is a continuing activity New locations/applications will be added every year depending on availability of funds

[Translation]

Stoppage of Gomti Express at Firozabad

6854 SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been a long standing demand to provide a stoppage of Gomti Express at Firozabad, and

(b) if so, the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K C LENKA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Examined but not found feasible

[English]

Loan From UTI

6855 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry has taken a short term loan from the Unit Trust of India (UTI),

(b) if so, the amount of loan taken from the UTI,

(c) the rate of interest to be charged by the UTI on this loan amount

(d) the period for which this loan has been

taken by the Railways; and

(e) the purpose for which this loan is to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) to (e) No, Sir

However, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, a public sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Railways, secured a temporary bridging loan of Rs 417 crores from UTI in March, 1993 as it could not secure funds through public borrowings owing to adverse money market conditions. Out of this, an amount of Rs 305.60 crores has already been paid back by the Corporation to the UTI and the balance amount is likely to be repaid by September, 1993. The loan carries an interest rate of 18 per cent per annum.

Investment in teak and Horticulture Species

6856 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry has initiated any action plan to study the claims made by the big industrial groups in regard to the investments in teak trees and horticulture species, and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) and (b) There are no teak plantation of 20 years of age which have had the inputs suggested by the promoters in their prospectus, to facilitate a precise finding about the yield claimed by them. However, prima facie the results of even best teak forests as available from forest yield tables show that the volume of timber yields projected by plantation promoters are on the high side.