

(b) No, Sir. Inflation of the distance for charge by 40% has so far been approved for the Roha-Dasgaon (Veer) and Mangalore-Udupi sections for passenger and other coaching traffic purely as a temporary measure. Inflation of the distance for charge is considered necessary for the financial viability of the project and to enable payment of interest on, and repayment of, funds borrowed from the market for financing construction costs. The actual distance inflation will be decided by Railway Ministry in due course.

(c) The present approval for 40% distance inflation is for passenger and other coaching traffic.

Alipurduar-Bamanhat line

3036. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time which the Alipurduar Jn-Bamanhat line is likely to be opened for traffic; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Alipurduar Jn—Bamanhat Line has been closed since 20.7.93 as a result of breaches caused by floods. The target date for opening the line after repairs is 31.1.94.

Jobs to persons affected by Konkan Railway Project

3037. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons whose land has been acquired for construction of

Konkan Railway, have so far been offered appointment in the Indian Railways;

(b) the number of applications for appointment from such persons are still pending consideration; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken up and appointments offered to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) 11 (Eleven).

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.

Sale & Expenditure in Super Bazar

3038. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overhead expenditure being incurred in the Super Bazar is much more than the commensurate increase in the sales;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the sales made and overhead expenditure incurred by the Super Bazar during 1993-94 and how does the same compare with the preceding three years, department-wise;

(d) whether the limit of inventory fixed, is being maintained department-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the departments which are responsible for causing losses to the Super Bazar; and