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Expansion of Platforms in Ratlam Division

3874. SHRI SATYANARAYANJATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to expand and develop the platforms in Ratlam division of Western Railway; and

(b) if so, the details regarding retiring rooms, foot-overbridges, expansion works, passenger amenities and construction of railway over-bridges in this division?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). All the stations of Ratlam Division have been provided with various facilities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled. Further expansion/development of these facilities will be undertaken when so warranted by the traffic requirements subject to availability of funds.

Irrigularities in the Examination

3875. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been committed in the examination of Helper Khalasi conducted on February 19, 1992 at Ghaziabad of Allahabad Division Northern Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

"Afforestation by National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board"

3876. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of wastelands adjoining the forests areas, national parks, sancturaries and the ecologically fragile areas which have been developed in terms of promoting afforestation, tree planting, and eco-development activities since the constitution of the National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board till date project-wise;

(b) the amount of funds released by the Government for the purpose during 1992-93 and 1993-94, project-wise; and

(c) the total provision made in the Eighth Five Year Plan on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board (NAEB) was set up in the Ministry of Environment & Forests in September 1992. The NAEB implements schemes for promoting afforestation and tree-planting like the Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Projects Schemes, Fuelwood & Fodder Projects Scheme, Minor Forest Produce Scheme, Seed Development Scheme, Aerial Seeding Scheme, Grants-in-Aid Scheme for voluntary Agencies. The NAEB is also the nodal agency for monitoring the afforestation and tree-planting activities under the 20-Point Programme.

Afforestation and tree planting activities