

*[Translation]***Development of Ravine Area**

2768. SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI :
SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any project regarding development of the Chambal ravine area from the Agriculture Department of Madhya Pradesh Government ;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating works proposed in the project and the likely expenditure to be incurred thereon and the area of ravine proposed to be developed;

(c) the decision of Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A project report on "Integrated Watershed Management Programme for Ravine Prevention and Stabilization Project in Ravenous Area of Chambal River" has been received. An area of one lakh ha. is proposed to be developed in Bhind and Morena districts at the cost of Rs. 158.58 crores in 10 years period. The main objective of the programme is to protect agricultural land against the extension of ravines and their reclamation for agriculture and other productive use by conserving soil and water resources and improving socio-economic conditions of the people. Main works proposed include land development, agriculture productions, plantation, afforestation, live-stock development etc.

(c) Project proposal has been examined by the Ministry of Agriculture with a view to posing for bilateral or multilateral assistance through the Department of Economic Affairs.

(d) It is not possible to indicate at this stage.

*[English]***Indira Kunj**

2769. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Kunj scheme has been started;

(b) if so, the progress made under the scheme so far, State-wise ; and

(c) the amount spent on it so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Does not arise.

*[Translation]***Stoppage at Hazaribagh**

2770. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of Poorva Express, Puri Express, Purshottam Express, etc. has not been provided at Hazaribagh Road Station;

(b) whether only Bombay Mail is running from Bombay-Surat and there is no reservation quota of berths in the train at the above station;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide stoppage of at-least one of the above trains in public interest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Sleeper class Reservation quota is available at Hazaribagh for journey towards Bombay by 3003 Howrah-Bombay Mail.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. As 8 pairs of mail/express trains including Kalka Mail, Hawrah-Bombay Mail, Doon Express, Sealdah-Jammu Tawi Express are stopping at Hazaribagh.

*[English]***Maintenance and Beautification of Station**

2771. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRY :
SMT. CHANDRA PRABHA URS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked the zonal Railways to quicken the privatisation of 'maintenance and beautification of Stations' where it is proposed to be introduced;