

(c) These proposals project export earnings of over Rs.2800 crores over a period of 5 years.

(d) The details of these proposals cleared viz; name of the Indian Co., name of the foreign collaborator and the country to which he belongs, item of manufacture, percentage and amount of foreign equity in each proposal are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to their Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(e) Implementation of the proposals depend on the gestation period, which varies from project to project. These proposals have been accorded approval recently.

[Translation]

#### Decreasing of Health Standard

2658. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the standard of common man is going down in the country particularly in the rural area of Gujarat;

(b) if so, any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the names of the States where this survey has been conducted and the outcome thereof?

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. No such survey has been conducted either by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare or by the Government of Gujarat.

[English]

#### Water Supply Projects in Assam

2659. SHRI PROBEN DEKA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of water supply projects in Assam cleared during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the details of other proposals pending with the Union Government at present; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R. K. DHAWAN) : (a) Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, one scheme for Namrup town was approved in 1994-95 at a cost of Rs.135.31 lacs and an amount of Rs.26.06 lacs has already been released to the State Government.

(b) and (c). Seven Project Reports for the towns of Palasbari, Bilasipara, Sarthebari, Lakhipur, Sonari,

Nazira, Gossaigaon were received from the Govt. of Assam. Some additional information and clarifications were sought from the State Government on technical points which are still awaited.

Based on the scheme guidelines and funds available under the programme during the 8th Five Year Plan, schemes costing upto Rs.218 lakhs can be approved for the State of Assam, including for Namrup town.

#### Firozabad Accident

2660. MAJ. GEN.(RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether compensation has been paid to those persons who were travelling in unreserved coaches and lost their lives or were injured in Firozabad train accident on August 20, 1995; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the number of claims pending for finalisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). 193 claims for compensation by/on behalf of those travelling in unreserved coaches have so far been filed. Compensation will be paid soon after the claims are decreed by the Railway Claims Tribunal. An ex-gratia payment of Rs.31,83,000/- has been made to the dependents of 291 dead and to 212 injured passengers including those travelling in unreserved coaches.

#### Railway Stations

2661. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for the modernisation of Railway Stations on the Eastern Railway under Asansol Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c). Modernisation of Railway Stations, by way of augmentation/improvement of facilities, is a continuous process and the same is undertaken wherever so warranted by increase in volume of passenger traffic, subject to availability of funds. Accordingly, in Asansol Division, works of Raising/extension of platforms at Panagarh, Satsangnagar Halt, Galsi, Sitarampur, Madhupur, Andal & Kulti; improvements to water supply arrangements at Jasidih, Vidyasagar, Raniganj, Panagarh, Rajbandh, Madhupur, Jamtara, Mankar, Durgapur & Raniganj; provision/extension of platform sheds at Asansol, Durgapur, Madhupur, Mugma, Kulti & Kumardhubi; electrification/ improved lighting of