

[Translation]

Akola Railway Station

7814. SHRI BHAUSAHEB PUNDLIK PHUNDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the renovation of Akola railway station in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) 67 stations including Akola, have been selected to be developed as Model Stations on Indian Railways. Its development is estimated to cost Rs. 74.39 lakhs. As a part of modernisation scheme, works relating to provision of lavatory blocks on Narrow Gauge platform, cover over platform in gaps, various improvements to circulating area, provision of benches/chairs in waiting hall/platforms, rest shelters for licensed porters, etc. have been completed in the year 1989-90 at a cost of Rs. 13.36 lakhs. Works estimated to cost Rs. 53.03 lakhs relating to extension of cover over platforms No. 1, 2, & 3, widening of existing Foot Over Bridge, widening of Up platform, provision of rest house facilities etc. are in progress. For this, a sum of Rs. 24.95 lakhs has been provided in the year 1990-91. New works relating to improvements to station building, roads and platform surface, modernisation of furniture in station building and provision of retiring room etc. are proposed to be taken up in the year 1990-91 at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.00 lakhs. All these works are likely to be completed by the middle of VIII Five Year Plan, subject to availability of funds.

[English]

Setting up of BHEL Unit at Chandaka In Orissa

7815. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. propose to set up a unit at Chandaka in Orissa to manufacture Bowl Mill Accessories;

(b) whether Orissa Government has handed over the land for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken to implement the project and the final state of the project?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). In the Sixth Plan, BHEL had proposed to set up a plant at Chandaka in Orissa for the manufacture of Mill accessories and for this purpose, an industrial plot was ear-marked. The proposal was, however, not pursued further because of the shrinkage in the order book position of BHEL, particularly for Boilers. The Company have decided to utilise the surplus capacities in their existing plants for the manufacture of these items.

Electrification of Kharagpur-Khurda Road Section

7816. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for electrification of Kharagpur-Khurda Road section of South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?