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BG Rail Link Between Lalgarh and Bikaner

7905. SHRI BEGA RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train running between Suratgarh and Bikaner terminates at Lalgarh which is only 5 km from Bikaner;

(b) whether Government propose to construct broad gauge rail line from Lalgarh to Bikaner in view of difficulties being faced by the public;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. This has been included in the Railway Budget for 1990-91 as part of Gauge Conversion from Lalgarh to Jodhpur via Merata Road.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Refund Booking Deposit by A.P. Scooters Ltd.

7906. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the depositors about the delay in refund of scooter booking deposits by Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the company to safeguard the inter-

est of the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) There have been some complaints about the delay in refund of advance money by M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Ltd. against cancellation of booking. Such complaints are forwarded to the manufacturer for remedial action.

(b) The acceptance of advance money against booking is considered a contractual obligation between the customer and the company. However, with a view to safeguarding customer's interest, Government have issued revised guidelines for acceptance and deployment of advance money by the automobile manufacturers.

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Trains Between Saharsa-Sonepur Vanmankhi

7907. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Madhepura district in Bihar are facing great inconvenience due to non-availability of railway facility there;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to divert Harihar Nath Express, going from Saharsa to Sonepur, from Vanmankhi to Sonepur via Murliganj, Madhepura and Saharsa;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The services available at stations in Madhepura district are considered adequate to cater the present level of traffic.