

Act (1980) for diversion of 2582.9 hectares of forest land for construction of Tehri Dam. The project authorities have drawn up plans for compensatory afforestation for 4595 hectares of land, out of which 1307 hectares have been afforested. In addition, detailed catchment area treatment plan for 36,000 hectares has been drawn up for the Tehri Dam catchment, which includes, inter-alia, plans for Afforestation, Animal Husbandry, Soil Conservation, Horticulture and other peripheral activities. An estimated amount of Rs 351 crores would be spent on the above activities, inclusive of rehabilitation.

Sambalpur Railway Division in Orissa

1203 SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the newly created Sambalpur Railway Division has started functioning

(b) if so, the new areas in Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal coming under this Division, and

(c) if not, when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Likely to start functioning by the end of April, 1990

[*Translation*]

Taking over Educational Institutions in Railway Colonies

1204 SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to take over the educational institutions being run in railway colonies; and

(b) if so, whether the employees of these institutions would also be treated as railway employees?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

[*English*]

Railway Line in Kashmir

1205 SHRI PIYARE LAL HANDOO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether a survey was conducted for construction of a railway line in Kashmir valley,

(b) if so, when, and

(c) whether it is proposed to undertake this project during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Bi-Modal Study of a BG rail/road link between Udhampur-Qazigund-Srinagar was completed in June, 1989.

(c) No decision can be taken at this stage

[*Translation*]

Rail Link between Chandigarh and other Towns

1206 SHRI ATINDER PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state