

| S. No. | Name of State/Union Territory | No. of National Parks | Amount of * central Assistance Released in VII Plan (Rs. in lakhs) |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 16.    | Mizoram                       | 2                     | —  |
| 17.    | Nagaland                      | 1                     | —  |
| 18.    | Orissa                        | 2                     | 93.71  |
| 19.    | Punjab                        | —                     | —  |
| 20.    | Rajasthan                     | 3                     | 321.61   |
| 21.    | Sikkim                        | 1                     | 37.74  |
| 22.    | Tamil Nadu                    | 4                     | 130.41   |
| 23.    | Tripura                       | —                     | —  |
| 24.    | Uttar Pradesh                 | —                     | 188.55   |
| 25.    | West Bengal                   | 3                     | 115.15   |
| 26.    | Andaman & Nicobar Islands     | 1                     | 19.205   |
| 75     |                               |                       |  |

\* Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Project Tiger" and "Assistance for development of national parks"

[Translation]

**Passenger Traffic on Balasore-Nilgiri Section**

2308. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a railway line from Balasore railway station to Nilgiri for transportation of forest goods and metals;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open this line for passenger traffic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.