

necessary funds for such projects on priority. To assist the States in completion of the projects expeditiously, the Central Water Commission monitors selected projects, in which bottlenecks and difficulties in supply of scarce material are identified. Assistance for such supplies, and other technical assistance is arranged for the State Government. Central Government also arranges for credit/loan assistance from external lending agencies.

[Translation]

**Attaching new First Class Coaches in 201/202
Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail**

2689. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how old are the first class coaches attached to 201 Up and 202 Dn Delhi-Ahmedabad Mail ;

(b) whether the passengers travelling in first class coaches of the Mail have to face a lot of inconvenience owing to bad condition of these coaches ; and

(c) if so, when the coaches are to be replaced by new ones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Ahmedabad-Delhi service is operated by 4 rakes with a total of 18 coaches having 1st class and 1st & 2nd composite accommodation. Out of these 18 coaches, 9 are within the age group of 6-10 years, 2 within 11-15 years, 4 within 16-20 years and 3 within 21-25 years respectively. The condition of most of these coaches is reported to be generally satisfactory. Older coaches are being given complete interior rehabilitation on a programmed basis.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Talcher-Sambalpur Rail Link

2690. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far regarding construction of Talcher-Sambalpur rail link in Orissa; and

(b) when Government propose to complete the said rail link ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Construction of Talcher-Sambalpur new B.G. line was approved in the Budget for 1984-85. Work is in progress in the sections from Sambalpur to Maneswar (17.5 kms) and Talcher to Angul (18 kms). The completion of this project will depend on resources made available during the coming years.

**USSR Assistance for Kalgaon Super Thermal
Power Plant**

2691. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved to speed up the installation of Super Thermal Power Station at Kalgaon with the assistance of the USSR ;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached; and

(c) if so, main features thereof and to what extent the USSR has offered its assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) It has been agreed in principle to set up the Kalhalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (Stage-I, 4 × 210 MW) with Soviet assistance.

(b) A formal agreement will be signed after negotiations.

(c) Does not arise.

**Introduction of a Shuttle Express Train
between Balasore and Bhubaneswar**

2692. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :