

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 :

(a) whether General Manager of South Eastern Railway with other officials of the railway in an informal meeting with the Chief Minister of Orissa in the month of October, 1984 have decided to introduce a shuttle express train from Balasore to Bhubaneswar from the month of December, 1984;

(b) if so, whether the train has been introduced;

(c) if not, whether the users as well as the State Government of Orissa and local Member of Parliament are approaching the authority to start this train soon; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when it will start running ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. However, it was agreed to examine the proposal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Apart from lack of commercial justification, introduction of a shuttle express train between Balasore and Bhubaneswar is not feasible due to lack of resources.

#### Container handling facilities at major ports

2693. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to provide full fledged container terminals/container handling facilities conforming to international specifications and standards at different major Ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the container handling facilities available at Calcutta and Haldia Ports as compared to the facilities available at Madras, Visakhapatnam, Cochin and Bombay Ports; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to improve the existing container handling facilities at Calcutta and Haldia Ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). A full fledged container terminal with necessary facilities to handle third generation container ships carrying upto 3000 TEUs has been commissioned in December 1983 at Madras Port.

The Nhava Sheva Port Project which is under implementation provides for a full fledged container terminal having three container berths and related facilities to handle third generation container ships.

(c) and (d). The following are the container handling facilities available at the ports of Madras, Bombay and Haldia :

Port	Yard Gantry Cranes	Quayside Gantry Cranes
Madras	2	2
Bombay	3	2
Haldia	1	1

For Calcutta, a project for creating container handling facilities which includes 2 Nos. yard gantry cranes container freight station and container parking yard is under implementation.

Another project for creating container handling facilities at Cochin which includes 2 Nos. yard gantry cranes and related facilities is also under implementation. Visakhapatnam has at present no special facilities for container handling and there are at present no proposals for creating such facilities there.

#### [Translation]

#### Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee

2694. SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :