

(b) The Corporation is extending financial assistance on soft terms to State Governments and to backward areas, including tribal tracts and hill regions.

[English]

Rail Line from Dimapur to Manipur

2722. PROF. MEIJINLUNG KAMSON : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey was made years back for a new line of railway from Dimapur to Manipur, via Dansiri, Barak river valley and Karong ; and

(b) if so, the details of the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) There is no record available to show that such a survey was carried out.

Extension of rail-head from Silchar to Jiribam

2723. PROF. MEIJINLUNG KAMSON : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) the progress so far made in the work of extension of rail head from Silchar of Assam to Jiribam of Manipur ;

(b) the allocation of fund for the work ;

(c) whether it is a time-bound work and if so, when it will be started and the scheduled time for completion ,

(d) the details of the reasons for its slow progress ; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to extend upto Imphal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The physical progress of construction of the railway line from Silchar to Jiribam till February 1985 is about 25%.

(b) The outlay expected upto end of 1984-85 is Rs. 10.90 crores and the outlay proposed for 1985-86 is Rs. 1.00 crore.

(c) & (d). The progress of the work has been affected because land has not so far been handed over fully by the State Government and also due to the constraint of funds. The completion of work will depend upon timely handing over of the requisite land to the Railways and availability of resources.

(e) A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for extension of the metre gauge line from Jiribam to Makru (19 kms) is in progress. There is no proposal at present to extend the line upto Imphal.

Submergence of villages due to construction of Upper Kolab Dam

2724. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of villages in Orissa are going to be submerged on the completion of upper Kolab dam project ;

(b) if so, the approximate number of people who are going to be displaced on completion of this project ,

(c) the compensation paid so far or proposed to be paid to the affected people in that part of Orissa ; and

(d) the details of the rehabilitation work undertaken or planned for these affected people ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). 149 villages are likely to come under submergence displacing about 5389 families on the completion of Upper Kolab Project.

(c) and (d). Compensation will be paid as per the provisions of Land Acquisition Act. In addition, State Government pro-