

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). There is no traffic in goods offered by fisheries industries. As the other traffic offering at Repalle Station also has been meagre, it has not been possible to organise regular goods train services on the branch line to Repalle Station. Facility for loading piecemeal wagons from this station was, therefore, discontinued. However, whenever, there is a demand for loading full train loads from this station, special arrangements are being made to clear the traffic. There has been no change in the process of materialisation of traffic at this station since withdrawal of facilities of registration of wagon load. There is, therefore, no proposal to resume this facility.

**Improvement of Harkhua Gopalganj
Railway Station**

2737. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of Harkhua Gopalganj Railway Station is in a very bad condition ;

(b) whether, keeping in view that there are several industries and sugar mills operating in Gopalganj district, there is any proposal to improve the condition of Harkhua Gopalganj Railway Station and provide necessary amenities there ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Proposals include extension of waiting hall, provision of a retiring room, booking office, SQT godown, parcel office-cum-godown, and extension of Station Master's Office.

**Decision re : Orissa's Irrigation
and Power Projects**

2738. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details regarding the various irrigation and power projects forwarded by the Orissa Government which are pending decision with the Union Government ; and

(b) the time by which Union Government are likely to clear those projects ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a). The major and three medium irrigation projects of the Government of Orissa have been considered acceptable by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission with certain observations to be complied with by the State authorities. One major and two medium schemes are under consideration of the Technical Advisory Committee. Six major and nine medium schemes are being appraised in the Central Water Commission (CWC) in consultation with the project authorities.

As regards power projects, one hydro scheme has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for their approval. One thermal scheme (Ib. T.P.S.) and one hydro scheme (Hirakud Stage III) are under examination in the CEA. The revised project report of the Bhimkund multipurpose scheme is awaited from the State Government.

(b) Techno-economic clearance is given to projects when the State authorities have complied with the comments of the CWC and the CEA.

**Filling up of vacant posts of Draftsmen,
Estimators and Tracers**

2739. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Draftsmen, Estimators and Tracers are lying vacant in Civil Engineering Department in South Eastern Railway, division-wise and headquarters also ;

(b) the steps taken by the Railway Administration to fill up these posts ;