

Gauge during the Seventh Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the project and the time when it is likely to be started alongwith the estimated cost of the work ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Restructuring of Drawing Staff in Railways

2742. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Board have issued orders, for restructuring the cadre known as Drawing staff (Draftsmen, Estimators, Design Assistants, etc.) ;

(b) if so, whether these orders have been implemented by all the Zonal Railways ; and

(c) if not, which are the Zonal Railways who have not yet implemented the said orders and the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) and (c). The restructuring orders were issued in November, 1984. The implementation of these orders in the Zonal Railway Headquarters, Divisions, etc. is in progress on all the Railways and is expected to be completed expeditiously.

Allocation for construction of rest places and parking area along the National Highways

2743. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to construct rest places and parking area for Motor Vehicles after

every 100 miles along the National Highways to minimise accidents and to provide relief to the drivers ; and

(b) if so the details thereof and the allocation made in the current year for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) (a) and (b). A scheme has already been evolved to encourage construction of truck parking complexes along National Highways, at convenient locations, at a distance of about 300 kms., on selected major arterial routes. The scheme envisages undertaking and implementation of these projects by the State Units of the Truck Operators Highway Amenities Society. The cost of land, approach road and development of parking space, is to be borne by the Central Government, and expenditure on construction of buildings and other structure is to be met from Revolving Fund created by State Units of Truck Operators Highway Amenities Society by raising contribution from truck operators. The truck parking complexes are to function on no profit no loss basis. The Government of India have so far approved four proposals of truck parking complexes, one each in Punjab and Haryana and two in Andhra Pradesh, involving the Central Government financing amounting to Rs. 59.26 lakhs.

Financing of these works, in so far as the Central Government's share is concerned, is out of allocation for the development of National Highways.

Cancellation of A.T. Mail and Vaishali Express for long time in N.E.F.R.

2744. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether North-East Frontier Railway failed to run A.T. Mail and Vaishali Express for long time ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Railways propose to restore the old schedule of time-table in that section ; and