

Setting up of a Ship Repairing Yard at Haldia

191. SHRI ANAND PATHAK : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the state Government of West-Bengal has offered to extend all co-operation and assistance to the Centre for setting up a ship repairing yard at Haldia in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the response of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) The State Government of West Bengal has offered cooperation and assistance during initial studies by consultants and study groups for setting up ship repair facilities in West Bengal including one at Haldia.

(b) The Central Government has in principle accepted, while agreeing to the recommendations of the 15-Year Perspective Plan for ship repair facilities in India a scheme for setting up a Ship repair Yard at Haldia. A final decision will, however, depend on the overall availability of resources and the relative priorities of various needs in the economy of the country.

[*Translation*]

Muhane Dam Project

193. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH ; Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which Muhane Dam Project in the Hazaribagh District will be completed ;

(b) the total amount spent by the Central Government on this project so far ; and

(c) the details of the amount to be spent in future ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARA-

NAND) ; (a) Muhane Dam Project estimated to cost Rs.127 crores is a new major irrigation project proposed by Bihar. It is yet to be accepted by the Planning Commission. Hence its likely date of completion cannot be stated at this stage.

(b) Central Government has not spent any amount on this irrigation project. Irrigation being a State subject, investment for the irrigation project is to be financed from the State's plans. It is anticipated that the State would have incurred about Rs. 5 lakhs only on this project upto end of March, 1985.

(c) As the Seventh Five Year Plan of the State is not yet finalised, the likely expenditure on this project in the near future can not be stated at this stage.

[*English*]

Railway Accidents During the Last Six Months

193. SHRI M. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN :

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) number of railway accidents which took place during the last six months ;

(b) number of persons killed and injured in each of these accidents ;

(c) details of the causes thereof ; and

(d) the amount of the compensation paid to the families of the victims of these accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The number of train accidents during the last six months from September, 1984 to February, 1985, is as under :-

Month	Collisions	Derailments	Level Crossing Accidents	Fires in Trains
September, 1984	6	60	4	1
October, 1984	1	59	6	—
November, 1984	3	56	3	—
December, 1984	2	52	3	—
January, 1985	4	52	8	—
February, 1985	5	68	8	4

(b) In these accidents 139 persons lost their lives and 390 sustained injuries.

(c) The various causes for these train accidents are as under :-

- (i) Failure of railway staff 231
- (ii) Failure of persons other than railway staff 26
- (iii) *Failure of equipment*

Rolling stock	49	}	58
Track	8		
Electrical	1		

- (iv) Sabotage 2
- (v) Combination of factors 8
- (vi) Incidental 21
- (vii) Causes under investigation 56
- (viii) Causes not established 3

(d) During the last six months Rs.74.88 lakhs have been paid as compensation in train accidents irrespective of the year of accident.

Setting up of a Centre For Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

194. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a centre for genetic engineering and biotechnology will be set up in New Delhi ;

(b) the reasons that accepted for the choice of India as the centre ;

(c) whether India has made any progress in the science of DNA recombination ; and

(d) if so, the highlights thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The choice of India as the Centre has been made keeping in view the scientific and technological capabilities and infrastructure already available in the country.

(c) and (d). Considerable progress has been made in the field of recombinant DNA technology in the areas of agriculture and health. Advance Research in the field of recombinance DNA is being carried out at the following institutions :-

(i) School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

(ii) National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

(iii) Indian Agricultural Research Institute.