

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In May, 1978 a contract for quarrying, loading and supplying stone ballast/broken stone/rubble/crusher dust (valuing Rs. 36.61 lakhs) from the Railway quarry at Virar for a period of 3 years was awarded by Western Railway Administration. The Contractor, during the currency of the contract, asked for enhancement of the rates due to escalation in prices. The Railway Administration decided not to agree to enhance the rates but to close the contract without any financial liability on either side.

(c) An inquiry has been ordered in the matter.

[*English*]

**Foodgrains Stolen from Railway
Wagons during Transportation**

2622. SHRI M. RAGHUMMA REDDY : Will the Ministers of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large quantity of foodgrains were stolen during transportation from the railway wagons ; and

(b) if so, estimated quantity of foodgrains stolen from the railway wagons during 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
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(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) and (b) : The estimated quantity of foodgrains stolen during transportation from the railway wagons in 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 are as under :—

| Year | Estimated Quantity of foodgrains (In Qtls.) |
|---------|---|
| 1981-82 | 75,573.35 |
| 1982-83 | 74,647.05 |
| 1983-84 | 78,161.40 |

**Aurangabad Solapur Railway Project
During Seventh Plan**

2623. SHRI PRATAP RAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Union Government undertake Aurangabad-Solapur Railway project which is in Marathwada region of Maharashtra ;

(a) whether any request has been received from Government of Maharashtra to accommodate the above project in Seventh Plan ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

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

(b) Demands have been received from public representatives to take up construction of this line.

(c) In view of severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already on hand, it is not possible to consider taking up this line at present.

[*Translation*]

**Stoppage of Garib Nawaz Express
and Other Facilities at
Kishangarh Station**

2624. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum in regard to providing stoppage for Garib Nawaz Express and Super-fast express trains at Kishangarh Railway Station on Delhi-Ahmedabad line ;

(b) whether in this memorandum, demands have also been made for construction of over bridge, cycle-stand and to provide quota of berths for Calcutta from there ;