

ments already on hand. Therefore, taking up of survey/construction of further new lines can not be considered at present.

[English]

**Load Shedding in Delhi**

2641. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:  
SHRI RAMASHRAY  
PRASAD SINGH :  
SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :  
SHRI KALI PRASAD  
PANDEY :  
SHRI SIDHA LAL  
MURMU :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of areas in Delhi are having to go without power for two to twelve hours almost every day and, if so, names of such areas ;

(b) the reasons for this erratic power supply in Delhi ; and

(c) details of steps being taken to ensure proper power supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) : The overall power supply in Delhi has been, by and large, satisfactory. However, there have been interruptions in supply to various local areas particularly in the walled city or in the growing fringe of Delhi due to overloading of the distribution system. The break-downs in distribution system also escalate during the hot and humid months. Compilation of the list of areas which have experienced interruption in supply of electricity would be cumbersome and may not be commensurate in value with the work involved in such compilation.

(c) DESU have initiated action to revamp the system where the weaknesses have been revealed. A comprehensive maintenance drive is also being

initiated. An elaborate system is in operation, including complaint centres and mobile break-down gangs equipped with wireless communication, to respond to reports of interruption and to restore the supply at the earliest possible.

**Mankhurd Belapur Rail Line**

2642. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has offered any loan for construction of Mankhurd-Belapur rail line ; and

(b) if so, the amount and the terms of such loan and Government decision thereon ?

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

(b) Rs. 7 crores interest free loan to be refunded when resource position improves.

The offer of the State Government was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and could not be agreed to.

[Translation]

**Expenditure on Development of Inland Water Transport**

2643. SHRI R.M. BHOYE :  
SHRI JAGANNATH  
PATTNAIK :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the amount of expenditure being incurred by Government on each scheme for development of Inland Water Transport during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND