

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) A proposal to set up a Power Finance and Development Corporation is under examination.

Import of Self-Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing System

591. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have a proposal to import a Self-Propelled Ultrasonic Rail Testing System ;

(b) If so, the cost of such sophisticated rail testing system ;

(c) Whether it is going to be imported during the current financial year ;

(d) If so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

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

(b) Rs. 3.5 Crores

(c) and (d) No Sir. It shall be delivered in the next financial year as per stipulated delivery schedule.

New Project of Roads & Bridges in Orissa Under Central Road Fund

592. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved some new projects of roads and bridges in Orissa under Central Road Fund during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of each of those projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) The programme of Road and Bridge works in Orissa to be financed from Central Road Fund during the Seventh Five Year Plan is still under consideration in consultation with the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Location of Proposed Coach Factory in Punjab

593. PROF. NARAIN CHAND-PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government regarding the location of the proposed Railway Coach Factory in Punjab;

(b) if so, the exact site and the time by which the factory would be established;

(c) the total estimated cost and other details of the project including the area of land sought to be acquired for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the likely date by which a decision would be taken in this regard and the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes Sir. The Government of India has decided to locate the proposed Rail Coach Factory in Punjab.

(b) The Factory is proposed to be located 5 Kms. from Kapurthala on the Kapurthala-Sultanpur Road. The Factory is expected to go into initial stream of production in about 2 years.

(c) The estimated cost of the Project would be around Rs. 200 crores. The area required would be approximately 300 hectares.

(d) As advised in answer to Part (a) the decision regarding location of the Coach Factory in Punjab has already been taken.

[Translation]

Conversion of Dhaulpur-Sirmuttra Rail Line into B.G.

594. SHRI LALA RAM KEN . Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1865 on 4 April, 1985 regarding conversion of Dhaulpur-Sirmuttra line into B.G. and state whether a provision has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan