

for conversion of the narrow gauge line from Dhaulpur to Sirmuttra into Broad gauge and the overall allocation made in this Plan for the development of railways in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : No such proposal is under consideration. Allocation of funds is not made State-wise.

Halt Stations from Agra to Bandikui

595. SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of halt station on Ajmer railway line from Agra to Bandikui and the facilities provided by the Railway Department at these halt stations;

(b) whether booking provided and other passengers facilities provided by the Railway Department are in adequate at these halt stations; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Railway administration will provide all the necessary facilities at these halt stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Six halt stations have been provided between Agra Fort and Bandikui stations. Facilities as per existing yardsticks have been provided at all these halt stations. These facilities are considered adequate to cater to the requirements of the passenger traffic offered thereat.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Upgraded Sub-Centres and Construction of Mini Health Centre

596. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some sub-centres have been upgraded and mini health centres have been constructed under Centrally sponsored schemes in different States during the Sixth plan;

(b) if so, the number of such mini health centres constructed and the number of sub-centres upgraded in Orissa in Sixth Plan period; and

(c) the Central assistance spent on implementing those programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) There was no scheme of upgrading of sub-centres or construction of Mini Health Centres during the 6th Five Year Plan.

Introduction of a Superfast Train between Bombay and Varanasi

597. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no superfast train between Bombay and Varanasi ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a superfast train between Bombay and Varanasi at least twice a week ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

Losses in Indian Shipping Industry

598. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that losses in Indian shipping industry are mounting up;

(b) if so, whether labour discontent and unrest is one of the main causes;

(c) if so, the steps proposed for ensuring workers whole hearted participation;

(d) whether insufficient port facilities are also a contributory factor; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c) Due to unprecedented global recession,