

Ghatprabha and Malaprabha, await World Bank's approval and assistance for without a fresh aid of huge funds a vast irrigation potential of the region will remain unutilized; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and whether World Bank has been approached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) & (b) The major projects of Upper Krishna, Ghataprabha and Malaprabha are under consideration for World Bank assistance. The identification reports are awaited from State Government.

Target and achievement of shipping tonnage during Sixth Plan

4721. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the shipping tonnage added during the Sixth Plan period and that targetted in the Plan; and

(b) the reasons for shortfall in achieving the tonnage, if any?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Shipping tonnage added during Sixth Plan amounted to 0.77 m. GRT, against the envisaged target of additional tonnage of 2 m. GRT.

(b) World-wide recession in shipping industry, especially after 1982 has resulted in depletion of resources of Indian shipping companies for fresh acquisitions. Further, due to recession, some Indian shipping companies particularly in the public sector have consciously delayed their acquisition programme to take advantage of the falling prices of ships in international market.

Shifting of flood forecasting division

4722. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for

shifting of the Flood Forecasting Division functioning at Busta in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will reconsider the proposal in view of the growing resentment among the people of the area over this?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) to (c) Since we have no Flood Forecasting Division at Busta, Orissa, the question does not arise.

Kumetpur-New Cooch-Bihar railway line

4723. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail line from Kumetpur to New Cooch-behar is of 90 bounds; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to replace it by 105 pounds line and if not the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir, approx. 225 Km. out of total length of 298 Km. from Kumetpur to New Cooch-Bihar consists of 90 lb rails.

(b) 90 lb track in a length of 129 Km. is overaged and is programmed for renewal, with 52 Kg. rails.

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Claim of electro-homoeopathic practitioners re-cure of cancer

4724. SHRI KUNWAR RAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the claim of electro-homoeopathic practitioners of curing cancer has been got verified;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether some medicine has been found effective in electro-homoeopathic