

Goods transport by rail and road

2617. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the basis for forecasting demand for goods transport by road and by rail;

(b) the methodology and the criteria for such forecasting;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by sending questionnaire to industries in the private sector as to assess their goods transport demand and how much has been met by the Railways and how much by the roadways; and

(d) the present shortage in Railways capacity for transport of goods specially in coal, fertilizer, food, cement, export ore, POL and other goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The overall demand for goods transport by road and by rail is worked out by the Planning Commission on the basis of (i) estimates of production and imports of different major commodities and (ii) the likely proportion of movement for each of the important commodities by rail and by road in the past figures and the effect of any new factors.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) While we are able to meet all the essential requirements there is 2 to 3 per cent gap between the rail transport capacity and overall requirements.

Channellisation of Swan Nadi in H.P.

2618. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2504 on 12 March, 1984 regarding Swan Channelisation Scheme and state :

(a) the latest progress made in the finalisation of the scheme for the channelli-

sation of Swan Nadi in district Una of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the likely date by which the project would be sanctioned and taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Detailed project is not yet received from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Resumption of trains cancelled in Punjab and Haryana

2619. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of Branch line Mail/Passenger trains have been cancelled in Punjab and Haryana during the current financial year on account of deterioration in the law and order situation;

(b) if so, the names of the trains and the dates with effect which each one of them has been cancelled and the loss to the ex-chequer on this account; and

(c) the likely date by which the trains are proposed to be re-introduced in each case, on each section so as to remove inconvenience to the public and also to avoid further loss to ex-chequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) : Information is being compiled and shall be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Concessional air fare for passengers to Andaman and Nicobar

2620. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal or are considering any proposal to concessional air fare for the