

Government's proposal is to provide a rail link from Udhna.

Central Schools in Sikkim

2693. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Schools in Sikkim;

(b) if so, locations thereof;

(c) whether the schools have their own buildings; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gangtok.

(c) and (d) School's own building is under construction.

Renovation of Chandigarh Railway Station

2694. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to renovate Chandigarh Railway Station during Seventh Plan Period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At present there is no plan for renovation of Chandigarh Railway Station.

(b) Does not arise.

More D.T.C. Buses on various routes

2695. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of buses of Delhi Transport Corporation running on different routes is not sufficient to cope up with the present traffic; and

(b) if so, the steps to be taken to increase the number of buses on various routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) Certain level of inadequacy of services is felt during morning and evening traffic peak period. To meet this situation the D.T.C. has decided to engage 100 private buses under the kilometrage Scheme for deployment in areas where the problem is acute. Steps are also being taken to augment the existing fleet and to rationalise the routing pattern for improving the service level on various routes.

National Users Consultative Committees

2696. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for delay in formation of National Users Consultative Committees and Zonal Committees; and

(b) by what time these committees will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees have already been constituted for the term 1-1-86 to 31-3-88. The National Railway Users' Consultative Council is in the process of reconstitution for two years term from 1-7-86 to 30-6-88.

I.S.O, Container Depots at Delhi and Ahmedabad

2697. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Department have decided to set up two ISO Container Depots at Delhi and Ahmedabad;

(b) whether the Railway authorities have selected Thaltej near Ahmedabad for the said container Depot.

(c) whether a discussion in this regard was held on 31 January 1984 with the Railway Convention Committee at Ahmedabad; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) An Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Delhi (Pragati Maidan) is already functioning since March 1984. It is proposed to have another one at Tughlakabad. Regarding I.C.D. at Ahmedabad, final decision about setting up the same has not been taken so far.

(b) Tentatively, a site at Thaltej near Ahmedabad was identified for the purpose.

(c) and (d) A meeting between the representatives of the State Government of Gujarat and Members of the Railway Convention Committee was held on 31.1.1984 at Ahmedabad, but minutes of that meeting have not been received in the Railway Board from the State Government.

Vayudoot Service in Kerala

2698. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kerala Government have urged his Ministry to introduce Vayudoot Services in Kerala; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No such request has been received in the recent past

(b) Does not arise.

Amount Allocated for Development of Minor Ports During Seventh Plan

2699. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) The total amount allocated for development of minor ports during the Seventh Plan;

(b) the details of the demands forwarded by Government of Gujarat for providing financial assistance for development of minor ports; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Total amount allocated for Maritime States and Union Territories for development of minor ports under State Sector during 7th Plan is Rs. 125.62 crores. An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has also been approved in the Central sector for development of Minor Ports.

(b) The details of demands forwarded by Government of Gujarat to the Sub-Group of the Working Group of Ports and under the State Sector are given in statements I & II given below.

(c) On account of constraint in resources an outlay of Rs. 23.86 crores only was approved in the State Sector during the 7th Plan for development of minor ports and Lighthouses for the Gujarat State Government. A Sub-Group of the Working Group on the Port Sector has been constituted to identify minor/intermediate ports, including ports in Gujarat State, for development on a selective basis in the Central Sector.