

(a) whether it is a fact that Western Railway had issued orders on 9th November, 1983 to supply HMT Wrist Watches to certain supervisory and artisan staff ;

(b) if so, whether any supply of watches has been made to the staff ;

(c) whether such staff on other zonal railways will also be supplied watches on the same terms and conditions ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS : (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : (a) The Western Railway had issued instructions on 10.2.1982 regarding the supply of Wrist Watches certain categories of staff.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) Instructions exist that individual, zonal Administrations may nominate any category as eligible for the facility of supply of watches on realisation of cost thereof in instalments, if considered justified in the interest of service.

Computerisation of Reservations at Allahabad Railway Station

2595. SHRI AMITABH BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that there are long queues waiting for reservation at Allahabad Railway Reservation Office ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many a time despite the passengers holding reservation tickets, their names do not find a place on the reservation charts ;

(c) whether it is proposed to computerise the reservations at the Allahabad Railway Reservation Office ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such complaints have been reported.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present because project of computerisation of reservation in the first stage has been taken up only in respect of the four metropolitan cities where the workload of reservation is very heavy.

Ahta-Roha West Coast Konkan Railway

2596. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced that Ahta-Roha is part of the plan for the West Coast Konkan Railway between Ahta and Mangalore ;

(b) whether Government have also announced to undertake a detailed survey of the proposed railway line from both the ends ; and

(c) if so, the progress expected in further extension of the line in the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Apta-Roha will form a part of West Coast Konkan line between Apta and Mangalore.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Further action will be considered on completion of surveys depending on availability of resources.

Dieselisation of Trains on Northern Railway

2597. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any phased programme for the dieselisation of trains on the Northern Railway has been finalised by the Railway Administration ;