

(b) if so, when the work of construction of this line is likely to start; and

(c) the details thereof ?

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

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Manufacturing of Bogies

6188. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of bogies in Railways, if so, the extent of shortage;

(b) the steps taken/being taken to increase the number of bogies;

(c) the amount sanctioned for the purpose in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the number of bogies manufactured since 1980 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Presumably, the reference by the Hon'ble Member is to passenger coaches. It is estimated that on a rough basis, the gap between the requirement and availability of passenger coaches is about 7%.

(b) The capacity of Integral Coach Factory, Madras, is being increased from 830 coaches in 1986-87 to 1000 coaches in 1988-89. In addition, a new Rail Coach Factory, is being set up at Kapurthala, Punjab, which ultimately will have manufacturing capacity of 1000 coaches per annum.

(c) An amount of Rs. 947.36 crores has been provided for acquisition of coaches in the Seventh Plan.

(d) The following number of coaches, both BG and MG including EMUs, Metro and for Export, were manufactured since 1980-81 :

| Year | No. of coaches |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1980-81 | 922 |
| 1981-82 | 1073 |
| 1982-83 | 1176 |
| 1983-84 | 1272 |
| 1984-85 | 1308 |
| 1985-86 | 1245 |
| 1986-87* | 1066 |
| *(Upto January, 1987). | |
| Total | 8062 |

Railway Projects in Bihar

6189. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the brief particulars of railway projects proposed recently by the Government of Bihar; and

(b) whether these are likely to be taken up for feasibility study and survey during 1987-88 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Bihar Government recently submitted a list of items concerning Railways. The following new proposals have been suggested by them :

(i) New railway line from Gaya to Ranchi via Bodh Gaya, Bashistanagar, Chatra, Hazaribagh and Ramgarh.

(ii) New line between Pathargaon and Sahebganj.

(iii) New railway line for transportation of coal from North Karanpura Coal Fields.

(b) No, Sir.