

### Jagadhri Paonta Railway Line

6914. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take up the construction of Jagadhri-Paonta railway line in Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, the final location survey for which has since been completed;

(b) if so, the likely date by which the work would be taken up and also the target date by which it would be completed; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which a decision for taking up the construction work would be taken up by Government and the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration for taking up construction of Jagadhri-Paonta Sahib-Rajban new Railway Line Project as the Survey completed in March, 1986 revealed that the project is not financially viable.

### Setting up of Transport Nagars along National Highways

6915. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any provision for setting up Transport Nagars along the National Highways for setting up complexes for repairs, fuelling etc. of goods and passengers vehicles and lodging and boarding facilities for drivers, conductors etc., in the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the brief outline of the programme in this regard in the plan; and

(c) if not, whether such Nagars

would be set up during the Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The idea of setting up Transport Nagars at major cities to ease congestion in such cities was discussed by Transport Development Council in one of its meetings and commended to the State Governments. The State Governments were requested to make available land to the transporters on nominal prices or on long lease at reasonable rates. The Transport Nagars are to be set up by the State Governments.

There are two other schemes to provide truck parking complexes and passenger oriented wayside amenities at suitable locations along all National Highways. These schemes are also to be implemented by State Governments. However, Central Government extends financial assistance to cover a part of the cost of these schemes. Two truck parking complexes have already been set up in Haryana and Punjab. Two proposals for such complexes in Andhra Pradesh have also been sanctioned. These complexes provide facilities for parking, repairs, fuelling, etc. Similarly the schemes of passenger oriented wayside amenities, form the part of phase-wise development. Two schemes, one at Virpur in Gujarat and another at Maner in Maharashtra have been approved. The provision for such amenities has been included in the 7th Plan as part of provision for 'Miscellaneous Items' relating to development of national Highways.

### Dislocation of traffic due to level crossing in Siliguri

6916. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the continued difficulties and inconveniences experienced by the people of North Bengal in general and Siliguri in the district of Darjeeling in particular