

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to overcome the same, along with the places identified for the installation of the system?

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

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

Exploitation of underground water resources

3970 DR K G ADIYODI Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the expertise and technical know-how regarding exploitation of underground water needs immediate attention, and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Central Ground Water Board is organising annual and special training courses for professional and sub-professionals to update their knowledge and expertise and expose them to the latest technology and equipment employed in the exploitation of ground water

[*Translation*]

Proposal for construction of Ropeways in Hilly areas

3971 SHRI HARISH RAWAT Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of ropeways in hilly areas of the country during the current plan period,

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken

by his Ministry to connect difficult places of hilly areas with the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) to (c). Seventh Plan document recognises the construction of ropeways as means of transport in hilly areas. However, the construction of ropeways is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. It is understood that ropeways projects are under consideration and/or execution in the North-East Region, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh

New railway lines in backward area

3972 SHRI HARISH RAWAT Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared by his Ministry to ensure timely completion of ongoing work of laying new railway lines in backward areas, and

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for this purpose in the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) The details of the new lines under construction and allocation of funds for them during 1987-88 are given in the Pink Book and the Explanatory Memorandum of the Railway Budget Documents. Some of these lines, will also serve the backward areas, when completed. Allocation for these new lines in the remaining 2 years of the Seventh Plan will depend on availability of resources for New Lines in the Annual Plans.

Over-bridges in U.P.

3973. SHRI HARISH RAWAT Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct some railway over-bridges in Uttar Pradesh, during the current year,