

suggestion and as an extra safety measure advised that some of the completed dams may not be filled to their maximum capacity in the current monsoon season. The State Government is taking follow up action on the suggestions/guidelines of the Central Water Commission.

Assistance to State Government for Improvement of Godavari Delta

779. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have sanctioned financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 400 crores to the State Government for improvement of the Godavari Delta which was affected during last year Godavari floods; and

(b) if so the extent of amount made available to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The Central Government gave an assistance of Rs. 132.37 crores to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for carrying out the flood relief works in the State, including flood affected areas in the Godavari Delta

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Faizabad Railway Station.

780. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schemes formulated for extension etc. of Faizabad Railway Station have been sanctioned and necessary funds released;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the works to be executed in the first and second phase of the scheme indicating the amount involved therein;

(d) the reasons for not starting the work on the schemes for the year 1987-88 so far, and

(e) the time by which the work of both the phases will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). It has been decided to take up the work in Phases. The 1st phase of yard remodeling, works on the east including extension of shunting neck etc. costing Rs. 73 lakhs has been taken up. Phase II will be considered for approval in the coming years after finalisation of Plans and Estimates.

(d) Preliminary works were so far being done like finalisation of plans and estimate. Work is now planned to be taken up.

(e) Completion of Phase I will depend on acquisition of the land. Completion of next Phase will be considered after its approval

Change in Receiving Station for Sabarmati Express at Lucknow Junction

781. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for changing the receiving station for Sabarmati Express running between Faizabad and Ahmedabad at Lucknow Junction from Northern Railway to North Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Minister or it has received a memorandum that this train has been running 5 to 6 hours late daily as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Due to provision of route-relay interlocking facilities at Lucknow station (N.R.) handling of Sabarmati Express has been transferred to Lucknow Jn. (N.E. Rly.) w.e.f. 4-5-1987.