

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

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Survival Rate of Trees/Saplings

5166. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have undertaken any sample survey of the figures provided by State Governments/Central Departments regarding survival of trees/saplings during various Van Mahotasava drives since they were launched in the country;

(b) if so, the rate of survival of such plantations of trees/saplings as revealed by the survey for each State/Union Territory during the Sixth and Seventh Year Plan separately;

(c) if not, whether such a survey would be undertaken and the necessary corrections applied; and

(d) the likely date by which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal to take up a sample survey regarding survival of trees saplings planted during various Van Mahotsava drives. However, it has been decided to conduct a sample survey of survival rate of trees planted in the last 5 years under different afforestation schemes in 5 States viz. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

On-Going Railway Projects and New Railway Lines (Corporate Plan)

5167. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be

pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1014 on 24 July, 1986 and state:

(a) the breakup of the Railways Corporate Plan envisaging the construction of 3000 Kms. of new railway lines during the period 1985-2000;

(b) the total addition to the railway network in the construction of new railway lines during the first half of the Seventh Plan and net addition planned to be made in the net-work during the remaining half of the plan; and

(c) whether any priorities for completing any of the on-going projects have been given in this regard for each of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Plans, covering this period and the details thereof Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 3000 Kms. is an indicative figure and not a specific target. No detailed break-up has been made so far.

(b) and (c). New rail lines covering a length of 204 Km. have been commissioned from April 1985 to September '87. Another 164 Km. are planned to be commissioned by March 1988. Targets for commissioning of new lines in the last 2 years of the Seventh Plan and in Eighth & Ninth Plans will depend on resources that are allocated for new lines in the Annual/Five Year Plans to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

History Books Prepared by ICHR

5168. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of 86 Titles (of Books in History) which have been prepared under different Indian Languages under the aegis of the Indian Council of Historical Research (I.C.H.R.), alongwith the names of the languages;

(b) whether the documents on the In-