

and better inventory management and rationalisation of routes.

Supply of Water to Kharagpur Railway Colony

1582. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the long and short term projects completed during the last three years to augment the supply of drinking water to the people of Kharagpur Railway Colony; and

(b) further steps proposed to be taken in this regard in order to supply adequate quantity of water to this railway colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Work completed during the last 3 years:- 1985-86 2 Open Wells, 7 tube-wells and provision of individual water taps. 1986-87 and 1987-88, Augmentation of water supply scheme including 6 tube-wells and 2 open wells (Progress 60%) and replacement of corroded pipe lines.

(b) A long term integrated proposal has been formulated by the Railway, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Municipality and Kalaikunda Air Base for studying the feasibility for using Subarnarekha River water for Kharagpur. This is under process.

[*Translation*]

Damage by floods to Bakhtyarpur Rajgir Railway Line

1583. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the floods during 1987, Bakhtyarpur-Rajgir railway line of

Eastern Railway has broken at several places and the same has not been repaired and restored to its working capacity so far; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completely repaired and opened for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rail traffic on this section was disrupted, due to extensive breaches, from 12.9.87. The line has since been restored to traffic on 12.2.88.

(b) Does not arise.

Air Pollution

1584. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of people in the country are using diesel engines for domestic and other purposes due to frequent power-cuts resulting in air pollution; and

(b) if so, the details of remedial steps taken by Government to reduce air pollution caused by diesel engines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHR Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). During power cuts, Diesel engines are used mostly in commercial and industrial establishments and sometimes for domestic and other purposes. This use does not cause any serious air pollution. However, the Central Board for the prevention and Control of Water Pollution has specified minimum stack height for different ranges of generator sets for industrial establishments.

[*English*]