

be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Scindia Steam Navigation Company hires out its bulk carriers, Jal Vihar at about \$ 15,000 per day;

(b) if so, whether the Shipping Corporation of India has been chartering foreign vessels; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to advise the Corporation to charter Scindia vessels to the maximum extent possible to save valuable foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No such proposal has been received from Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. to hire out their ship Jal Vihar.

(b) and (c). Shipping Corporation of India is permitted to charter foreign vessels with the prior approval of the Director General of Shipping, if no Indian flag vessel is available.

Difficulty in reservations at certain stations on South Eastern Railway

10680. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the passengers at some important railway stations on South Eastern Railway such as

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Khurda Road and Kharagpur have to wait for hours together to get their reservations; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS. (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The demand for reservation varies from time to time. Long queues are sometimes formed during rush seasons like summer vacation and festival/marriage seasons.

(b) The workload on reservation offices is reviewed from time to time and additional counters are provided, as far as feasible, to cope with the rush or the increase in workload.

Afforestation Programme

10681. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSAIN:
SHRI R.P. DAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: the state-wise number of trees planted and area covered during the last two years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): The state-wise number of trees planted and area covered during the last two years, yearwise are given in the Statement below.

STATEMENT

Statewise number of trees planted and area covered

S. No.	State/U. Ts.	No. in lakhs		Area covered 000'Ha	
		1986-87	1987-88	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2874.15	3051.34	143.71	152.57

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1	2	3	4	5	6	
2.	Assam	625.50	497.87	31.28	24.89	
3.	Bihar	2711.00	3152.00	135.55	157.60	
4.	Gujarat	2271.00	1864.66	113.55	93.23	
5.	Haryana	741.58	380.00	37.08	19.00	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	671.28	615.09	33.56	30.75	
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	570.00	400.06	28.57	20.00	
8.	Karnataka	2316.74	3152.21	115.84	157.61	
9.	Kerala	1519.24	1555.44	75.96	77.77	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	3920.00	4090.46	196.00	204.52	
11.	Maharashtra	2381.70	3079.96	119.08	152.67	
12.	Manipur	148.00	180.25	7.44	9.01	
13.	Meghalaya	158.00	237.57	7.90	11.88	
14.	Nagaland	543.50	200.00	27.17	10.00	
15.	Orissa	2326.72	2340.05	116.34	117.00	
16.	Punjab	567.59	495.52	28.38	24.77	
17.	Rajasthan	1341.03	1075.00	67.05	53.75	
18.	Sikkim	115.03	133.87	5.75	6.69	
19.	Tamil Nadu	1981.28	1911.74	99.06	95.59	
20.	Tripura	263.00	260.00	13.15	13.00	
21.	Uttar Pradesh	4865.00	4259.87	243.25	212.99	
22.	West Bengal	1416.00	1330.00	70.80	66.50	
23.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	122.32	100.43	6.12	5.02	
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	125.00	127.04	6.25	6.35	

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1	2	3	4	5	6		
25.	Chandigarh	3.83	3.02*	0.19	0.15		
26.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	35.20	31.22	1.76	1.56		
27.	Delhi	63.03	18.06	3.15	0.90		
28.	Goa	67.93	74.70	3.39	3.73		
29.	Lakshadweep	0.29	0.24	0.01	0.01		
30.	Mizoram	478.05	277.50*	23.90	13.87		
31.	Pondicherry	12.93	6.23*	0.65	0.31		
32.	Daman & Diu	—	0.53	—	0.03		
TOTAL		35235.92	34874.40	1761.87	1743.72		

@ Nationally computed

@ 2000 trees per hectare.

* Progress upto February, 1988. For others upto March, 1988

Electricity at Porabazar and bridge at Nimo halt station

10682. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: the steps taken so far to provide electricity at Porabazar and foot-over-bridge at Nimo Halt Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Porabazar Railway Station has been provided with electricity w.e.f. 10th January, 1988 and foot-over-bridge at Nimo Halt station has been included for electrification in the Works Programme of 1988-89 and is expected to be completed by 1989.

Electrification and doubling of Katwa-Bandel link

10683. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHODHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for doubling and electrification of Bandel-Katwa Section has been accorded approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A techno-economic survey for augmentation of line capacity on this section has been taken up. No further action can be taken till the survey is completed and the report examined.