

(d) the value of imports of such items, in each of the past three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from various Ministries and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dwarka-Varanasi Express

5217. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Express train between Dwarka and Varanasi via Bhopal and Jhansi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; 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) Operational and resource constraints.

Diversification of Trade by MMTC

5218. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) has been directed by his Ministry to diversify export; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by MMTC in that regard in 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In respect of canalised exports like iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore, MMTC has taken steps to diversify its exports to new markets like Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Middle East for iron ore, Taiwan, Philippines and Sweden for chrome ore and Taiwan and Pakistan for manganese ore. In order to increase non-canalised exports, MMTC has formed a number of export groups within the Corporation, and is also concentrating on export of engineering projects. A data bank has also been created. MMTC is continuing its counter trade policy which generates additional exports. During 1988-89 MMTC's canalised exports are placed at Rs. 464.50 crores and non-canalised exports at Rs. 341.50 crores (provisional figures).

Library-cum-Bookstall in Long Distance Trains

5219. SHRI P. SELVENDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for taking decision to provide essential facility of mobile library-cum-bookstall in each and every long distance train; and

(b) the reasons for taking decision about no new mobile library-cum-bookstalls to be introduced on any train in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Mobile Library-cum-Bookstall service was earlier introduced on some selected trains to provide reading material to the travelling public during the course of their journey.

(b) On review, it has been decided not to allot any fresh contract of mobile-library-cum-bookstall, after considering that:

- (1) Bookstalls are available at all important stations
- (2) The contractors occupy berths which could be better utilised for passengers.
- (3) Free movement of vendors on the train is not always desirable.

[*Translation*]

Survey on Bina River Irrigation Project of Madhya Pradesh

5220. SHRI NANDLAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which survey work was started for the first time for the proposed Bina river irrigation project in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the survey work since then till date, year-wise;

(c) whether survey work is still pending;

(d) if so, the nature of survey work pending and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and

(e) if survey work has been completed, the time by which the project is likely to be finally approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As indi-

cated in the Project Report prepared in 1982, the surveys were initiated in 1975.

(b) These details are not maintained at the Centre.

(c) to (e). The State Government have been requested to submit a modified project report.

[*English*]

Over-bridges on Western Railway (Gujarat)

5221. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands for construction of over bridges in many big cities of Gujarat on Western Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plans, projects and estimates for the construction of over bridges in each city of Gujarat for the current financial year; and

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement is given below.

(d) Completion of the sanctioned works will mainly depend on the completion of the approaches by the State Government.