

(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 resources con-
straints.

[English]

**Suggestions made on Control of
Floods by Brahmaputra Board**

7390. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH: Will
the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Brahmaputra Board
has suggested any measure to control the
fury of Brahmaputra River floods in Dibru-
garh area of Assam and if so, the salient
features thereof; and

(b) the Government's reaction thereon
and the time by which the measures are
likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b).
The Brahmaputra Board has in their master
plan for the main Brahmaputra term sug-
gested construction of embankments, drain-
age project and bank protection works as
immediate short-term measures and con-
struction of storage reservoirs in the upper
catchments as a long-term measure. The
report has been sent to the appraising agen-
cies.

Promotion Policy of MMTC

7391. DR P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether maintenance of forty point
roster in promotion was discontinued in the
Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation
(MMTC) with effect from 1 January, 1987;

(b) whether the directives of Bureau of
Public Enterprises to MMTC to continue
maintenance of forty point roster within the
framework of the promotion policy is being
implemented by the MMTC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R.
DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)and (c). MMTC is following the Bu-
reau of Public Enterprises instructions of
1988 that so long as the following two condi-
tions are met, the question of maintenance
of reservation roster would not arise:

- i) That promotion under time bound
promotion schemes should be
completely delinked from vacan-
cies; and
- ii) There should be no element of
merit judgement or inter-personal
comparison of merit in such pro-
motions.

**USA Finance to Third World Newspa-
pers**

7392. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
USA extend finance to Third World newspa-
pers and news agencies

(b) if so, which of the Indian newspapers
and news agencies are receiving such fi-
nance: and

(c) the details thereof?