

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Recommendations of Railway Reforms Committee

3603. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had accepted and implemented the major recommendations of the Railway Reforms Committee including the creation of new zones and divisions;

(b) if so, the dates on which the recommendations have been implemented and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of such recommendations as still remain to be partially/fully implemented and the reasons for their non-implementation to the full extent?

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

(b) and (c). Railway Reforms Committee submitted their Report in 25 parts and touched the entire gamut of railway working. A large number of recommendations like creation of new zones, divisions, etc. cannot be straightaway implemented due to constraints of resources and other operational difficulties. Similarly recommendations concerning upgradation of technology like track circuiting, modernisation of marshalling yards and workshops etc. are again dependent upon availability of adequate funds and can only be implemented based on the priorities accorded to the various projects in the Corporate Plan. Wherever possible, action has already been initiated to implement the

accepted recommendations.

Trade with European Countries

3604. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope of expanding trade in the European countries;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to adopt new strategies to expand trade with European countries in view of the tremendous untapped potential still available in European markets; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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

(b) and (c). Efforts are made to expand trade through various measures like undertaking specific commodity oriented market studies; participation in fairs and buyers sellers meets; organisation of specialised exhibitions; distribution of publicity material; exchange of business delegations; joint ventures; encouraging contacts between business organisations of India and European countries and increasing the scope of Trade Plans.

Overhead bridge In Jabalpur

3605. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has sent a proposal for construction of an overhead bridge on Gorakhpur railway crossing in Jabalpur on South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and reac-