

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-

tion of Government thereto?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Overbridge in Jabalpur**

3606. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated during 1989-90 for construction of an overbridge at Kachpura railway crossing at Jabalpur; and

(b) the progress made on this work so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 37.09 lakhs.

(b) The progress on the bridge over the tracks being executed by the Railway is 30%. Work on approaches has not yet been commenced by the State Government.

#### **Conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia Railway Line**

3607. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Eastern Railway has undertaken a reappraisal survey to examine the feasibility of the conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia Metre Gauge Line for being utilised as an alternative North-South route;

(b) if so, whether survey has been completed and action taken on the report; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The reappraisal survey for conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia NG section to BG, for serving as an alternative North-South route has not been completed. This is one of the many surveys, at present in hand, on the South Eastern Railway and exhaustive data has to be collected to work out the viability of the proposal.

#### **Jabalpur Railway Station**

3608. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) funds allocated during 1989-90 for developing Jabalpur railway station as a model railway station;

(b) the details of works completed and to be undertaken on this station under the scheme; and

(c) details of funds allocated to different railway stations during 1989-90 which are being developed under model railway stations project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 30.02 lakhs.

(b) The scheme of remodelling of Jabalpur railway station envisages provision of facilities like drinking water supply, toilets, better lighting, additions and improvements to platforms, waiting halls, circulating area, retiring rooms, cover over platforms etc.

The following works have been completed/are in progress:—