

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

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

(b) After completion of preliminary trials, extended trials with 9000-tonne trains hauled by 2 locos and aided by wireless Voice Communication equipment, to ply between Ghaziabad and Mughalsarai have been ordered with effect from 1.2.1986.

Payment to Gujarat towards Sardar Sarovar Project

673. SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has not yet paid its last year's share of Rs. 10 crores being the expenditure on the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat ;

(b) the steps taken for early payment of its share to Gujarat Government; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the payment of its share to Gujarat State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan have so far not paid any amount to Gujarat towards their share cost of Sardar Sarovar Project. The Government of Gujarat have already taken up this matter with Rajasthan. Central Government has also urged the Rajasthan Government to make payment. Earmarking of outlays in the State's Plan is also proposed.

Railway line between Ranchi and Korke

674. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to construct a railway line between Ranchi and Korke;

(b) whether the proposal has been above included in Seventh Plan;

(c) if so, the estimated cost of that proposed line; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Major railway projects for North-Eastern region

675. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that major railway projects sanctioned during the last three years for North Eastern region have not yet been undertaken/completed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the progress of work on the construction of rail-cum-road bridge across river Brahmaputra; and

(d) details of progress in conversion of Guwahati-Dibrugarh metre gauge line into broad gauge line and a new broad gauge line from Jogighopa to Guwahati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The major project approved for the North Eastern region during the last three years is the construction of a rail-cum-road bridge across river Brahmaputra, at Jogighopa, alongwith a BG railway line from Jogighopa to Gauhati. Preliminary investigations for the rail-cum-road bridge have been carried out. Detailed designs are, however, in progress. A final location survey for the railway line from Jogighopa to Gauhati is in progress. Within the limited availability of resources, construction of the railway line from Gauhati end has been taken up. The construction of