

(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 Korka

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 Korka;

(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

the bridge proper will be taken up after completing the detailed designs etc. subject to availability of resources.

For conversion of the Gauhati-Dibrugarh MG line into BG a Final Location survey is in progress. In the meantime; a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic survey has recently been completed, sponsored by the North Eastern Council, for an alternative BG route from Gauhati to Dibrugarh connecting important towns of Assam viz. Nowgong, Jorhat, Sibsagar. A decision about extension of broad gauge line beyond Gauhati will be taken after Survey Report for conversion of existing MG line from Gauhati to Dibrugarh is also received and scrutinised, subject to availability of resources.

Conversion of M.G. line from Katihar to Siliguri and Siliguri to Alipur Duar junction

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

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of M.G. line from Katihar to Siliguri and Siliguri to Alipur Duar junction will be taken up soon; and

(b) if so, by which time it will be completed?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Diesel Loco-workshop at Alipur Duar junction

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up a diesel Loco-workshop at Alipur Duar junction;

(b) if so, step taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate capacity being available for day to day maintenance and periodical overhaul of Diesel locomotives working on the N.F. Railway, there is at present no proposal with the Government to set up a Diesel Loco Workshop at Alipur Duar Junction.

These facilities are at present available in the N.F. Railway at Siliguri, Malda and New Gauhati.

Dilapidated condition of Raza Library, Rampur

678. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rampur Raza Library, Rampur possesses rarest manuscripts enshrining India's rich traditions and culture;

(b) whether manuscripts and research library is closed to researchers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Opening of Rural Sports Centres

679. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Rural Sports Centres opened in different States so far;

(b) the amount of Central assistance