

programme of celebrations is proposed to be undertaken by the Central Government agencies in different part of the country. This includes a variety of programme e.g. Seminars, literacy conferences, exhibitions, staging of Dancedramas, Music conferences by Visva-Bharati and other agencies.

(c) Sahitya Akedemi will bring out a reprint of selected works of Tagore and also translation into regional languages. A book on Tagore's 'Shiksha and Kala' is being brought out by the National Book Trust by an eminent author. The Trust also proposes to bring out a reprint of Shri Krishna Kripalani's biography on Tagore in English and its translation in Hindi.

Import of proto-type electric engines

764. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have imported a few 6000 horse power proto-type electric engines for trial on Railways;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange involved in the import of the prototype engines; and

(c) whether the same type of engines can be produced in our Locomotive factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) An order has been placed on two different firms for import of 18 numbers of 6000 Horse Power prototype freight electric locomotives of three types for trials on Railway.

(b) Bare FOB average cost per locomotive including escalation is Rs. 2.18 crores approximately and FOB average cost with escalation per locomotive including initial maintenance and unit exchange spares etc. is Rs. 2.64. crores approximately. Total financial outlay (CIF) involved in terms of foreign exchange is Rs. 52.19 crores approximately.

(c) These types of locomotives cannot be produced in our locomotive factory at present. In fact these prototype locomotives are being imported with a view to subject all the 3 types to extensive service trials for evaluation and selection of the most suitable type for collaboration and series manufacture in India to meet the requirement of high horse power locomotives.

Rail link between Roha and Dasgaon in Konkan area

765. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) when the rail-link between Roha to Dasgaon in Konkan area of Maharashtra will start functioning;

(b) whether this rail-link has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and what is the estimated time required for completion of this rail-link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) At present only Final Location Survey for new line from Mangalore to Madgaon and updating of earlier surveys for the section Madgaon to Roha has been taken up. Roha-Dasgaon line is a part of this project.

(b) Its cost was assessed to be Rs. 15.09 crore in 1982-83. The latest updated cost will depend on the outcome of the survey and its period of completion will depend on the availability of resources in the subsequent years after the project is sanctioned.

New rail links included in Seventh Five Year Plan

766. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) which of the new rail-link works