

(d) whether the Chief Minister has stressed the need to involve industrialists in the project; and

(e) if so, to what extent the suggestions of the Union Government have been accepted by the Chief Minister and implemented so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (e). A suggestion for setting up of Consortium fund has recently been made to the Chief Minister of Karnataka for funding the Rapid Transit System for Bangalore. The proposal does not envisage direct participation of private sector. Levy of surcharge/cesses of various kinds by State Government as may be considered feasible to raise the resources is envisaged.

Reaction from the Chief Minister of Karnataka is awaited.

Funds for Teesta Barrage Project

2093. **SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has approached Union Government for grant of more funds for the Teesta Barrage Project;

(b) whether Union Government had paid only Rs. 5 crores against the State's demand for Rs. 20 crores every year; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to meet the West Bengal Government's demand for more funds for the Teesta Barrage Project ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special Central assistance of Rs. 5 crores was provided in the year 1983-84.

(c) The funds for the Teesta Barrage Project are to be provided in the State Plan, and the State's outlay for the VII Plan has been stepped up to the extent of 180% over the Sixth Plan.

Computerisation of Railway Reservation

2094. **DR. B. L. SHAIKESH :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state the experience gained by the Railways from the recently introduced computerisation of reservations for passengers on the various Railway Stations and the improvements sought to be made in the existing set-up.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Computerisation of Passenger Reservations has so far been introduced at the main Reservation Office at IRCA Building, New Delhi. Experience gained from this System shows an improvement in service time at booking windows, higher productivity of booking clerks, marked reduction in queues, dynamic allotment of accommodation to wait-listed passengers on cancellation-correct and instantaneous feed-back to public queries and greater customer satisfaction. Further improvement in service will be achieved when computer terminals are installed at the selected reservation offices in the city during the second phase of Reservation Project implementation in Delhi.

C.B.I. Raids at the Premises of Railway Officials

2095. **SHRI K.V. SHANKARA GOWDA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officials of the CBI raided the houses of 70 Government officials on 28 May, 1986 and unearthed many cases of fraud, cheating, misappropriation of money and possession of disproportionate assets;

(b) if so, whether out of the 70 officials whose houses were raided all over India 58 were from the Railways;

(c) whether a Head Clerk of the Railways had fixed deposit receipts worth Rs. 6.5 lakhs, a bank balance of Rs. 80,000, a two and a half storey building worth Rs. 16 lakhs;