

(b) if so, what is the order of investment proposed during the current year on this account, zone-wise, and proposed investment in the Central Zone in particular; and

(c) the estimated man days of employment is likely to be generated as a result of the proposed investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No such decision has been taken so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Construction of railway lines results in direct employment in the project area and also very substantial indirect employment in industries like brick burning, cement and steel, rails and sleepers etc. A railway line also generates employment on long term basis directly for its operation and indirectly by stimulating the economic development of the area served. It is difficult to make a precise assessment of the direct and indirect employment which a railway line may generate during and after its construction.

Government Companies, their paid up Share Capital, Profits and Losses

299. SHRI PARMANAND GOVIND-JIWALA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government companies including their subsidiaries at work as on the 2nd October, 1977 and the aggregate paid up share capital of these companies; and

(b) their profits and losses as on the 2nd October, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) As on 30-9-1977, the number of Government companies (both Central and States) was 712 and their aggregate paid-up capital amounted to Rs. 7314.5 crores.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, the total net profit before taxation of Central Government companies during 1976-77 amounted to Rs. 498.92 crores (provisional) excluding insurance corporations, the National Textile Corporation and its subsidiaries and the companies registered under section 25 of the Companies Act (non-profit making organisations). Similar information in regard to all State Government companies is not yet available.

Improvement of Railway Lines in M.P.

300. SHRI PARMANAND GOVIND-JIWALA:

SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of provisions and technical surveys for the improvement of Railway lines in Madhya Pradesh made and constructed within the last three years;

(b) what was the discounted cash flow return on each survey line and the decisions thereof;

(c) what is the estimated income of the proposed railway line Delhi-Rajthara-Jagdapur via Narayanpur-Kodagaon to be connected to Howrah-Bombay Railway line; and

(d) has any work commenced on the above proposed line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) 19 major schemes for improving the line capacity of existing lines are in progress in Madhya Pradesh. 10 surveys for improving the existing lines and 10 surveys/constructions of new lines, gauge conversions were carried out during the last three years or are in hand at present.