

Several causes including non-availability of berths and railway wagons, labour problems, inclement weather, etc. were responsible for the delays.

Development of National Highways in Gujarat State

5408. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAVA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the development of National Highways in Gujarat State during the next Five-Year Plan; and

(b) the names of National Highways which are to be developed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Sixth Five-Year Plan, 1980-85, has yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission. As such it is not possible to indicate the outlays that may be provided for the National Highways in the State of Gujarat at this stage. However, the draft 1978-83 Plan provided for Rs. 22.26 crores for new works towards the development of National Highway Nos. 8 8A, 8B, 8C and 15 in the State of Gujarat keeping in view the requirements of the present and growing traffic, the taking up of works against which programme and their implementation had, however, to depend upon availability of financial allocations from year to year and the inter-se priority between works on the National Highways for the country as a whole.

Introduction of Trains to connect all State-Capitals

5409. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to introduce trains to connect all the State-Capitals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) All State-Capitals situated on railway lines are already connected with other cities by direct trains based on traffic pattern. They are also connected with Delhi by direct fast trains or by connected Broad Gauge/Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge trains. Additional trains to and from these capitals will be introduced on the basis of traffic justification and availability of requisite resources.

Ambagude-Lansigarh Railway Line

5410. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHARA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for providing a Railway line between Ambagude and Lansigarh Road in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) An extract of Hon'ble Member's letter addressed to the Prime Minister has been received in May, 1980. The question of taking up a fresh survey for this line is under consideration in consultation with the Railway Administration.

Job Reservation for Handicapped

5411. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a Cell under the Labour Ministry to monitor and implement all employment reservations for the handicapped in public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure job reservation for handicapped in various Ministries, Government Departments and Public Undertakings, etc.?