

(e) if not, by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c). The names of the rail lines under Ratlam division of Western Railway that were approved for electrification are : (i) Godhra-Ratlam line and (ii) Nagda-Ujjain-Bhopal line. These lines were electrified prior to May, 1996

(d) and (e). The electrification work of Indore-Ujjain line has not been sanctioned. Ujjain-Bhopal line which is part of Nagda-Bhopal line has already been electrified

[English]

#### Link Kakinada with Main Line

705 SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh with the main line from Calcutta to Madras and Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the time limit for completion of the project, and

(c) the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) . (a) There is no such proposal at present

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Untrained Computer Staff

706 SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that staff at various computer counters in Northern Railway particularly on Rai Bareilly Railway station is untrained.

(b) if so, reasons for posting of untrained staff at the computer counters, and

(c) the steps are being taken to post trained staff at computer counters and to train the untrained staff in computerisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) The reservation staff at Rai Bareilly and other stations on the Northern Railway are trained for manning computerised reservation counters

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Destruction of Forest

707 DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Jangaon Per

is Bar Aag Ka Nahin, Bibhag Ka Keher" appearing, in the *Navbharat Times*, dated June 22, 1996.

(b) whether it is a fact that illegal felling and smuggling of tree in hills of Uttar Pradesh is being done with the help of Forest Department;

(c) if so, the details in this regard,

(d) whether the Government initiated a Central level inquiry in the matter of destruction of forest in U.P. Himalayas;

(e) if so, when, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, an enquiry has been ordered by the State Government into the alleged irregularities in the lots of the Forest Corporation referred to in the news item appearing in the *Navbharat Times* dated June 22, 1996

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

(f) Since the matter is being enquired into by the State Government.

#### Stoppage at new Bongaigaon

708 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is not a single stoppage of the Rajdhani Express in the seven North-Eastern States except the one at Guwahati, where the train terminates.

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide at least one stoppage at New Bongaigaon for the benefit of the large number of passengers of the North-Eastern states, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) and (b) It already stops at New Bongaigaon

(c) Does not arise

#### Railway Project in West Bengal

709 SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the progress of the Railway Projects from Bargachis to Amta and Bargachia to Champadanga via Jangipara (West Bengal) initiated by the Railway Ministry in 1984, and

(b) by when these Projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) The section from Santragachi to Bargachia (24 kms) was opened to traffic in the year 1984. The work remained frozen after 1984 due to constraint of resources and low operational priority and was again taken up in 1995-96. Work is now in progress between Munshirhat and Bargachia (8 kms).

(b) By 2001-02

#### Dairy Industry

710 DR T SUBBARAMI REDDY Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state

(a) whether India enjoyed several competitive advantages in the dairy industry as compared to the other countries but has failed to make a proper place in the export market;

(b) whether dairy sector has not been included in the liberalisation policy;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH):

(a) The dairy sector in India is closely integrated to agriculture and milk production is generally based on utilisation of agricultural by-products and crop residues. The cost of milk production in India, is therefore, lower than in many developed countries. However, due to seasonal and regional variations in milk production and increasing domestic demand, there is not much of liquid milk left to be converted into milk products for export. A beginning has, however, been made.

(b) The dairy sector was included in the liberalisation policy of the Government of India announced in July, 1991.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### Statutory Development Board for Konkan

711 SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has urged the Union Government to establish separate statutory Development Board for Konkan, and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Some discussions on the issue were

held between the former Union Home Minister and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Keeping in view the legal and constitutional complexities involved in the issue, it would not be possible to lay-down a definite time frame to finalise it.

[Translation]

#### Passenger Facilities

712 SHRI SUK DEO PASWAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is lack of passenger amenities at the railway stations situated in Ahera constituency and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Provision, augmentation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous process and the same is done whenever so warranted by traffic requirements. Facilities commensurate with the volume of traffic have been provided as per norms at all the railway stations.

Railways however, maintain such statistical data Railway station-wise and not State/District/Constituency-wise.

[English]

#### Railway Electrification Project

713 SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Railway Electrification Project is saving only about one million tonne of Diesel Fuel (i.e. HSD) out of a total oil consumption of 61 million tonnes in the country, i.e. only about 1.6%.

(b) if so, the total investment on Electrification and the financial savings accrued as a result thereof; and

(c) whether freight market share of Railway is only 35% as against Government policy of 70% and if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The estimated saving of Diesel Fuel (i.e. HSD) during the year 1994-95, due to the movement of 402801.8 million GTKM traffic on electric traction is 1.31 million tonne which is 4.63% of the total High Speed Diesel consumption of 28.26 million tonnes in the country. Similarly during the year 1993-94 saving of Diesel Fuel (i.e. HSD) has been estimated as 1.23 million tonnes. The increase in the saving works to 6.5%.

(b) Total investment on Electrification upto 31.3.95 is Rs 2663.52 crore approximately. Though financial savings due to Electrification have not been specifically assessed, the saving on Diesel Fuel (i.e. HSD) alone works to 1.31 million tonne for the year 1994-95.