

Visit of West Germany Chancellor

2603. SHRI BALAKRISHNA
WASNIK :
SHRI B.V. DESAI :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of talks held with visiting team led by the Chancellor of West Germany here in November, 1983 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the FRG has shown much interest in various developmental activities in India and has assured further aid and assistance through the Prime Foreign Bank based in West Germany on easy terms ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and follow-up action being proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) The exchange of views, on matters of mutual interest took place in an ambience of cordiality and candour. Both sides, as a result, have now a better mutual understanding and this cannot but contribute towards the further improvement of relations between India and the FRG.

(b) and (c) The FRG's annual aid assistance is an index of that country's interest in Indian developmental activities. The FRG Government has pledged to sympathetically consider an enhancement of aid.

Manikgarh-Chandur Railway Line

2604. SHRI J.S. PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 26 Km Manikgarh Chandur railway line project in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra under the South Central Railway in making satisfactory progress ;

(b) if to, the nature of work done so far and the balance of work to be completed ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proposed rail line when completed will not be able to take load beyond two million tonnes per year ; and

(d) whether any further augmentation of the said rail line is proposed in view of three important cement plants which are likely to be commissioned in the area covered by the railway line and which are expected to throw up more load on the said railway line ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI CHAN CHAUDHURI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Earthwork, bridge work and construction of structures is in progress. Laying of railway track and signalling work will be done after completion of earthwork and bridge work.

(c) No, Sir. It is not true that the rail line when completed will not be able to take load beyond two million tonnes per year.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration nor it is considered necessary at this stage.

**“फतवाह-इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे”
का अधिग्रहण**

2605. श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में “फतवाह इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे” के अधिग्रहण का निर्णय लिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्योरा क्या है ?