

**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 ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खाँ चौधरी) : (क) से (ख) जी हाँ, इस संसार में वैद्वान्तिक रूप से निर्णय ले लिया गया है। फतवा-इस्लामपुर लाइन रेलवे के राष्ट्रीयकरण के बाद, इसके कामियों को भारत की सरकारी रेलवे में समाहित करने के बाद बिहार सरकार ने इस लाइन के बंद कर देने की स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है। एक समिति बनाकर अधिग्रहण संबंधी कानून बनाने का काम शुरू करने के लिए प्रारम्भिक कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है। यह समिति लाइट रेलवे की परिसम्पत्तियों के मूल्य निर्धारित करेगी और कर्मचारियों को समाहित करने की संभावनाओं को निश्चित करेगी।

#### Fresh Victimization of Tamilians in Sri Lanka

2606. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any concrete progress had in the process of negotiation in between Tamilians and the Government of Sri Lanka through India's Good Offices with details ; and

(b) whether Government have come across reliable information that fresh torture and victimisation have been taken up against Tamilians indiscriminately even now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHM): (a) Progress has been made in the course of discussions during the last three months with President Jayewardene and with Tamil leaders. Some ideas have emerged from these talks which could form the basis of a solution to the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. A set of proposals has been worked out which provide for the establishment of the re-

gional bodies with appropriate powers. President Jayewardene has announced that he intends to place these proposals before an All Party Conference. It is expected that the T.U.L.F. will participate in the conference.

Differences between the two sides have narrowed down but one or two issues remain outstanding and some details remain to be worked out. We have that these differences will be resolved and a settlement will be reached which will fulfil Tamil aspirations within the framework of Sri Lanka's unity. Our good offices will continue to be available towards this end.

(b) There has been no recrudescence of the communal violence which occurred in Sri Lanka in July this year, though the situation is still tense.

#### Expenditure on repair of Monuments

2607. SHRI K.B. CHOUDHARI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state the total amount of expenditure incurred on repair, during the past ten years on Golgumbad at Bijapur (Karnataka), monuments at Bijapur City and other monuments at Bijapur District protected and preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Export of Iron-Ore through Pradip Port

2608. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that export of iron ore through Pradip Port is declining every year ;