

expanding the export market and securing a fair price for the village industries products; and

(b) If so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) and (b) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission is an autonomous organisation set up under an Act of Parliament and Govt. do not directly participate in its activities. However, the entire budgetary resources for the KVI programmes are provided by the Central Government by way of loans, grants and subsidies. All possible policy support is also extended to the Commission for the growth of Khadi & Village Industries. The activities of the Commission are constantly monitored and guided through various Committees and Working Groups set up by the Government.

Actual time of arrival of Karnataka Express at Bangalore and Delhi during the Last Six Months

2752. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the scheduled arrival time of Karnataka Express at Bangalore from Delhi and vice-versa;

(b) the actual time of arrival at Bangalore and Delhi during last six months of 1984; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOU DHURY) : (a) The scheduled arrival time of 127 Dn Karnataka Express at New Delhi is 7.40 hrs. and that of 128 Up at Bangalore 21.20 hrs.

(b) During the last six months i. e. from Feb. '84 to July '84 127 Dn. Express reached New Delhi right time on 9 occasions

out of 60 times it ran and 128 Up reached Bangalore right time on 37 occasions out of 61 times it ran.

(c) Special monitoring of the running of Karnataka Express has been ordered.

Industrial climate of Meghalaya and Assam

2753. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Association of Indian Engineering Industry had reviewed the industrial climate in North-eastern States to promote industrialisation in the region with special reference to Assam and Meghalaya; and

(b) the details of the problems identified and ways and means to suggest the solution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problems hindering the industrial development of North Eastern Region as identified by Association of Indian Engineering Industry are (i) lack of effective transport and communication network, (ii) Lack of Industrial culture and Entrepreneurship, (iii) Inadequate public sector investment, (iv) Inadequate exploitation of huge hydel power potential, (v) Lower per capita income, (vi) Stiff resistance from local population to efforts at promoting industrialisation and outside investment, (vii) continued political instability and (viii) Inadequate State Incentives.

The Association of Indian Engineering Industry have suggested that immediate efforts should be made to improve the transport and communication system exploit the hydel power potential, increase the public sector investment, State Government should initiate action to provide attractive incentives and training