

credit facilities, from Govt. and other financial institutions and fiscal and other incentive offered for attracting small entrepreneurs etc.

(d) The State Financial Corporations provide the long term credit needs of small scale industries. The National Small Industries Corporation provides machines on hire purchase basis to these industries. The State Governments give loans to small units at a concessional rate of interest for meeting their long term credit needs under the State Aid to Industries Act. The State Bank of India and its subsidiaries have sanctioned limits aggregating Rs. 165 crores by the end of February, 69.

#### Railway Projects and Works which Remained Incomplete in Third Plan

8583. SHRI MANGALATHUMADAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Railway Users' Consultative Committee at its last meeting recommended about the speedy implementation of the Railway projects and works which had remained incomplete in the Third Plan; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) Every endeavour is being made to speed up the progress of the various projects and works undertaken in the Third Plan subject to availability of resources.

#### Railway Lines in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

8584. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area falling in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan has minimum length of Railway Lines;

(b) whether the said lines are most inadequate and disproportionate to the area and population; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide more lines in the said areas ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) The information about the route length of railway lines is not compiled State-wise but only Railway Zone-wise. Particulars of route kilometres open on 31st March, 1968, lines under construction etc., are given in Statement 8 of the Supplement to the Report by the Railway Board on Indian Railways—Statistical Statements—1967-68, copies of which are available in Library of the Parliament.

(b) and (c). Railway development is envisaged on overall development considerations in the National interest, and not State-wise or region-wise or area-wise or on population basis. The existing rail facilities in the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh appear adequate for meeting the general transport requirements of the region. However, the Udaipur-Himmatnagar and Pokaran-Jaisalmer lines have been constructed recently in Rajasthan and the Obra-Singrauli and Bailadilla line in Madhya Pradesh. The Hindumalkot-Sriganganagar line in Rajasthan and the Singrauli-Katni and Guna-Makshi lines in Madhya Pradesh are under construction. No other new lines in these two States are under consideration at present.

#### Japanese Collaboration in Industry

8585. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to improve further relations with Japan to solicit increased co-operation/collaboration in the field of industry;

(b) what has been the Japanese investment in Indian industries during the last three years;

(c) total assistance received in the shape of technical know-how during this period; and