

(c) 17

(d) 1463

(e) The waiting list is likely to be cleared by March, 1997.

(f) 673

(g) 661

(h) All the Gram Panchayats are likely to be covered with telephone facility during IXth Plan period.

Survey for New Railway Lines

2024. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for new railway lines has been conducted/proposed to be conducted during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;

(c) the allocation made for each survey; and

(d) the time by which the survey is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The information is contained in the Demands for Grants Part-II, pages 2.1.01 to 2.1.22 supplied to the Hon'ble Members with the documents of the Railway Budget 1996-97 and may kindly be referred to.

(d) The completion of surveys is a gradual and on-going process.

[English]

Implementation of New Labour Policies

2025. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to use the services of ILO in framing and implementing new labour policies;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Minister attended the tripartite workshop on Economic Reforms and Labour policies organised by ILO;

(c) if so, whether the findings of the report "Indian Reforms and Labour Policies" were discussed in the workshop; and

(d) if so, the type of help ILO has agreed to provide to India?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Development of St. Mary's Island

2026. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was made by the Government of Karnataka to the Union Government to develop St. Mary's Island of the Mangalore Coast as a tourist Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c). Development of tourist centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, however the Department of Tourism provide Central Financial assistance for specific projects based on their merits, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

Government of Karnataka has not submitted any proposal for development of St. Mary's Island of Mangalore.

[English]

Use of Helicopters

2027. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with the entry of a number of multinational corporation in oil, power and other key areas the potential for use of helicopters is likely to witness a great upsurge in the next few years;

(b) if so, the present strength of helicopter fleet owned by the Government and other private corporates and the plans drawn up for their expansion in future;

(c) details of operations planned by the private corporate to provide regular services for promotion of tourism in various sectors; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to strengthen infrastructure facilities for increased operation of helicopters including training facilities for pilots and supporting staff and workshop for maintenance/repairs etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fleet strength of helicopters of various agencies is as under :-

Central Government	4
State Governments	18

Public Sector Undertakings (including Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.)	51
Air Taxi Operators	19
Private Companies	42

In addition Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. would receive 2 helicopters during December 1996 and private operators hold permission to import 10 helicopters.

(c) No proposal has been received from any private operator to provide scheduled helicopter service for tourism purpose.

(d) Guidelines have been framed to ensure that facilities and infrastructure exist/are created for operations, maintenance and training of the personnel for helicopter based operators.

Hospet-Mahaboobnagar Railway Line

2028. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for laying a railway line between Hospet and Mahaboobnagar;

(b) if so, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed; and

(c) the time by which the work on above line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Munirabad (near Hospet) to Mahaboobnagar has been included in the Budget, 1996-97.

(b) 31.03.1997

(c) Consideration of the project will only be possible, once the results of the survey become available.

[Translation]

Air Services for Ajmer and Pushkar

2029. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has offered free land for connecting the religious places Ajmer and Pushkar with air services; and

(b) if so, the time by which the airport is likely to be constructed there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested the State Government to acquire 460 acres of land for construction of an airport at Ajmer suitable for operation of AB-320/B-737 type of aircraft. The State Government has not so far confirmed the

acquisition of land. The land is therefore, yet to be handed over and as and when the State Government hands over the requisite land AAI would take up the project.

Development of Railway Stations

2030. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Railway Stations modernised/developed/expanded in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the names of the Railway Stations which are being modernised/developed/expanded in Uttar Pradesh and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the names of the Railway Stations proposed to be modernised/developed/expanded in near future;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up any new Railway Stations in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Lalitpur, Jhansi, Orai, Banda, Mahoba, Chitrakutdham, Saidraja, Chopan, Billi, Barakalan, Dudhinagar, Chandauli, Majhwar, Tulsi Ashram, Kuchm, Renukoot, Krishnashilla, Saktinagar, Deoria Sadar, Indara, Badshahnagar, Basti, Allahabad, Belthara Road, Deoria Sadar, Salempur, Kasganj, Ballia, Gonda, Agra Fort, Faizabad, Mirzapur, Allahabad, Firozabad, Varanasi, Lucknow, Bhadoi and Ghaziabad.

(b) Mathura, Jhansi, Agra Cantt., Dildarnagar, Mughalsarai, Belthara Road, Mau Jn., Salempur, Bhatni, Ghazipur city, Deoria Sadar, Manduadih, Allahabad City, Pilibhit, Lucknow, Lalkuan, Gorakhpur, Gonda, Kanpur Central, Tundla, Varanasi, Allahabad Jn. and Aligarh. Likely expenditure on development of these stations is Rs.16.90 crore.

(c) Modernisation/development/expansion of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is under taken on need based programme depending upon the overall availability of funds in each financial year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Allocation of Funds for providing Passengers Amenities

2031. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI N.I. RATHWA :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds for providing Passenger Amenities at the railway stations of Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan;