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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Doubling of single line sections is taken up when carrying capacity of the sections gets saturated, freight intensive sections being given priority.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Phase-I: Patna-parsa Bazar is nearing completion.

Phase-II: Parsa Bazar - Punpun is in progress.

Phase-III: Punpun - Taregna has been included in the Budget 1999-2000.

The rest of the section will be taken up in the coming vears.

(d) and (e) The target date for completing doubling of the entire Patna-Gaya section has not yet been fixed. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

[English]

35th Session of Labour Committee

3345. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: SHRI LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH: SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY: SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: SHRI SUNIL KHAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Labour invited various Ministries to participate in the 35th session of the Standing Labour Committee:
- (b) if so, the names of the Ministries invited for the meeting and out of them who failed to attend the meeting; and
- (c) the designation of the representatives of the Union Ministries who attended and spoke in the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Nineteen Central Ministries/Departments namely (i) Planning Commission, (ii) Agriculture and Cooperation, (iii) Coal, (iv) Commerce, (v) Environment and Forest, (vi) Expenditure, (vii) Ministry of Home Affairs (Inter State Council), (viii) Social Justice, (ix) Women and Child Development, (x) Heavy Industry, (xi) Industrial Development, (xii) Petroleum and Natural Gas, (xiii) Power, (xiv) Railways, (xv) Textiles, (xvi) Urban Affairs and Employment, (xvii) Chemicals and Petro Chemicals, (xviii) Telecommunications, and (xix) Post, were invited to attend the 35th Session of the Standing Labour Comittee held in New Delhi on 6.2.99. This Session was attended by the Officers of the rank of Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary except from Department of Industrial Policy, Promotion and Industrial Development and Ministry of Power which were represented by Officers of the rank of the Director/Deputy Secretary. The representative from Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas did not attend the meeting. The representative of the Central Ministries intervene in the discussions, only when some need arises to that effect or when the Chairman desires them to speak. Because of the shortage of time no representative of the Central Ministries excepting the Ministry of Labour spoke in the meeting.

[Translation]

Employment Exchange

3346. SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons registered in each employment exchange in Gujarat; and
- (b) the number of SC/ST persons out of them registered, employment exchange-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed who were on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in Gujarat including job-seekers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is furnished in the statement enclosed.