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AUSTRIA	Collaboration in areas of hardened steel rails, points and signalling. The Austrian side also mentioned about their interest in participating in the Delhi Mass Railway Transit System.
ROMANIA	It was agreed to study the possibility of setting up of working groups in Railway.
CZECH REPUBLIC	Indian side conveyed its interest in providing support and services in the following areas in the railway sector:
	(i) Technical and management support services for repair and maintenance of rolling stock.
	(ii) Procurement of spare parts.
	(iii) Supply of locos along with spare parts to specific performance.
	(iv) Traffic audit for developing the standard of maintenance of locos, coaches and wagons.
	(v) Contract maintenance packages.
	(vi) Technical assistance in the field of OHE
	(vii) Rehabilitation of railway track and bridges.
	(viii) Rehabilitation of loco workshop.
	(ix) Leasing/supply of locos.
	(x) Supply/Leasing of other rolling stock.
SLOVENIA	-do-
RUSSIA	A meeting took place both Russian Transport Minister and M.R. Three areas of cooperation between Indian and Russian Railways have been identified, these being:
	(a) Transport of import-export cargo; this will be mostly by containers by a combined rail-cum-sea route.
	(b) Transfer of technology, including imports from Russia in areas as suited to Indian Railways.
	(c) Cooperation in the construction of railway lines and maintenance of assets via IRCON & RITES.
	Working Groups for item (a) and (b) are under formation.
NEPAL	Greater Janakpur Development Project Broad Gauge Rail line between Raxaul and Birganj.

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GERMAN	Improvement of signalling on Delhi-Kanpur Corridor (yet to be finalised)
AUSTRALIA	Government of India and Government of Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 3rd October, 1994 for the implementation of Railway Simulator Project under India-Australia Development Cooperation Programme.

[English]

Proposals for Promotion of Tourism in Gujarat

5245. SHRI B.K. GADHVI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted various proposals for the promotion of tourism in the State during 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government on each of the proposals; and

(c) the details of financial assistance given to Gujarat during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) 11 projects submitted by the Government of Gujarat for central financial assistance were approved and a sum of Rs. 82.21 lakhs was sanctioned during 1996-97. These projects included Flood lighting and refurbishment of monuments, tourist reception centres, public conveniences, etc. The amount sanctioned for various tourism projects in Gujarat during last three years are as given below:-

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	21.95
1995-96	7.98
1996-97	82.21

Conversion of LPT into HPT, Himachal Pradesh

5246. SHRI SAT MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reception of programme being relayed through the Dharamshala LPT, Himachal Pradesh is very poor as compared to Lahore Station of Pakistan television;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to convert the LPT into HPT in Dharamshala;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be converted;