

(b) The Ministry has prepared its annual plan for the year 1991-92 which provides for giving some financial assistance to the State Governments for augmentation of their tourism infrastructural facilities. This assistance is extended on specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

Transportation of Coal from Singareni Collieries

144. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Railways have not supplied adequate rakes to Singareni Collieries to carry coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station resulting in some units being shut off ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Railways to meet the full demand of rakes for that Collieries ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway Lines in Orissa

145. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the rail links the Orissa Government has recommended to the Union Government for implementation ; and

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) The names of the rail links recommended by the Orissa Government are as under :—

I. Daitari-Banspani Railway
Line 143 km

II. Talcher-Gopalpur Port
Railway line 325 km

III. Jeypore-Malkangiri Rail-
way line 100 km

IV. Rayagada-Gopalpur Port
Railway line 165 km

(b) I. *Daitari-Banspani railway line (143 km)*

The construction of Daitari-Banspani (143 km) new BG railway line is under consideration of the Ministry of Surface Transport and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (M. M. T. C.) as a part of the proposal mooted by M/s Hyundai Corporation of South Korea for the development of Paradeep Port for export of Iron Ore. As soon as the Ministry of Surface Transport and M.M.T.C. finalise the proposal including the financial arrangements for funding of the rail ink project and the Ministry of Environment and Forests also clears it from the environmental and forestry angles, the Railways can take up the construction of this new BG railway line.

II. *Talcher-Gopalpur Port railway line (325 km)*

The Railway has been asked to carry out a quick reappraisal survey for Talcher-Berhampur-Gopalpur Port railway line.

III. *Jeypore-Malkangiri railway line (100 km) &*

IV. *Rayagada Gopalpur Port railway line (165 km)*

Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects, it is not proposed to take up Jeypore-Malkangiri and Rayagada-Gopalpur Port railway lines, for the present.

Railway Line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora (Orissa)

146. SHRI LOKANATH CHOU-DHURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct a railway line from Khurda Road to Bhabanipatora in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the estimated amount to be spent thereon and when the construction work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) :

(a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Coal Supply to Ceramic Units

147. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of ceramic units catering various industrial consumer items are facing problems in getting coal at normal prices :

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to provide coal at normal rate to these units ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) Government have been giving preference in allotment of railway wagons for movement of coal to priority sectors which include power, cement, steel, railways, fertilizers and aluminium. Due to limited availability of railway wagons, coal movement by rail to other consumers including ceramic industries has been affected. They may, therefore, have to meet their requirements by moving coal by road which is more expensive. Steps are being taken to augment the availability of railway wagons for coal loading through faster turn around of wagons and reducing loading and unloading time.

Purchase of Air Craft from Soviet Union

148. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to purchase civilian passenger aircraft from the Soviet Union ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of comparative competitiveness in the international market ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Presently, there is no proposal to purchase any civilian passenger aircraft from Soviet Union.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.