

(c) to (e) Development of tourism infrastructure is a continuous process and it is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. However, financial assistance is provided by the Central Government on the basis of specific proposals received from the States subject to availability of funds and relative merits. During the current financial year, the State Government of Rajasthan submitted two proposals for augmenting tourist facilities in the State. Both these proposals have been sanctioned.

International Airports

202. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where international airports are located at present and the criteria adopted for their establishment ; and

(b) the time by which Sanganer airport would be converted into an international airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Trivandrum. The broad criterion for establishment of international airports is the regional international traffic emanating from that area that would commercially attract international scheduled carriers and justify the massive investment required for building or upgrading an airport to international standards.

(b) There is no such proposal under Government's consideration.

[English]

Electrification of Railways Lines on S. E. R.

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

(a) the percentage of railway tracks electrified till date in the country (both broad and metre gauge) ; and

(b) by when the tracks on Khurda Road and Kharagpur divisions of South-Eastern Railway are likely to be electrified and the details of the scheme thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 28.7% of Board Gauge.

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16.2% overall.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to electrify any further sections on Kharagpur or Khurda Road Divisions of South Eastern Railway.

Railway Line from Talcher to Gopalpur (Orissa)

204. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUHDURY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Orissa government have submitted a proposal for the construction of a railway line from Talcher to Gopalpur for transport of coal to Southern region for thermal power stations ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.