

(c) if so, the reasons for not sanctioning the above railway line;

(d) whether the Government propose to raise funds for this project as in the case of Konkan Railway project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) in their Report submitted in May, 1980 had recommended the following criteria for new line projects.

(i) Project-oriented lines to serve new industries tap mineral or other resources.

(ii) To serve as a missing link which can form alternative routes to relieve the congestion on existing busy rail routes.

(iii) On strategic considerations.

(iv) As developmental lines to establish new growth centres or give access to remote areas.

(b) and (c) Government of Maharashtra had recommended Ahmednagar-Bir-Purfi Vajinath new BG line project. However, as the survey carried out in 1990 has revealed inadequate traffic prospects and due to severe resource crunch faced by the Railways, the same could not be considered for taking up.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) While approving Konkan Railway Corporation the Ministry of Finance has laid down that no such Corporation would be formed during the 8th Plan.

[Translation]

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAIN ON NARKATIAGANJ-BARAUNI DIVISION

879. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new train on Narkatiaganj-Barauni section in view of heavy rush of railway passengers; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

ADDITIONAL TRAINS DURING KUMBHAMELA AT NASIK

880. DR. VASANT PAWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run additional trains to facilitate pilgrims during the ensuing Kumbhamela at Nasik; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) The extra rush of traffic will be cleared by attaching additional coaches to regular trains and/or by running special trains to the extent feasible and justified.

KALVA-TURBHE RAILWAY LINE

881. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Kalva-Turbhe railway line near Bombay has been completed;

(b) whether the Government propose to take over this line and commission it for goods traffic;