

Konkan Railway Project; and

(b) if so, the location and other details thereof?

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

(b) Prestressed concrete sleeper factories are planned to be established at Kaikani in Karnataka, Chiplun and Kankavali in Maharashtra and Madgaon in Goa for manufacture and supply of 3 lakhs track sleepers from each factory. One more factory is also planned at Madgaon in Goa for manufacture and supply of 650 sets of concrete sleepers for turn-outs. The factory at Kaikani is expected to go into trial production in October, 1991. Contracts for the factories at chiplun and Kankavali and for turn-out factory at Madgaon have been finalised.

#### Transportation of Cement

3549. SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints from cement industry about inadequate railway transport facilities; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to redress the grievances of the cement industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Railways are lifting cement as per the target fixed in consultation with the Planning Commission. Cement industry however is asking for rail movement of more cement than the target. Taking into consideration the demand and the targets fixed in consultation with the Planning Commission for rail transportation of other core sectors like coal, foodgrains, fertiliser, petroleum products, steel plants, raw material to steel plants and export ore etc., it is not feasible to move more cement by rail than the target.

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Corporation for construction of Inter-State Railway lines

3550. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set

up a corporation for supervising the construction work of inter-State railway lines; and

(b) if so, the names of such railway lines proposed to be constructed to link Rajasthan with other States and the time by which decision is likely to be taken thereon?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Tourist facilities in ITDC Hotels

3551. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hotels being run by the India Tourism Development Corporation in the Country and the criterion for their classification;

(b) the location of these hotels, the total number of rooms in each of them and daily rates thereof;

(c) whether rooms for middle class tourists are available in these hotels;

(d) if so, the details of the accommodation available for middle class tourists in ITDC hotels and their rates; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide comfortable and inexpensive lodging to the middle and higher class tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Presently ITDC owns and operates 25 hotels in the country. The classification of hotels, both in the public and private sectors is done by Classification Committees constituted by Government and with representatives of travel trade and hotel industry. This is a voluntary scheme covering 1 to 5 Star Deluxe categories of hotels.

(b) to (d) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. Hotels of 3-Star category and below offer reasonably priced accommodation.

(e) The Central Government assists State Governments / Union Territories to set up inexpensive lodging in the form of

Yatri Niwases / Yatrikas at different tourist destinations. The Government also encourages private investment in the accommodation sector by providing

fiscal incentives, subsidies and tax rebates, specially for inexpensive accommodation.

### STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the unit with location	Star category	Capacity		Present room tariff (in Rs.)	
			Rooms	Beds	Single a/c	Double a/c
1	2	3	4		5	
1.	Ashok Hotel New Delhi	*5 Star Deluxe	571	934	1800	1950
2.	Hotel Samral New Delhi	*5 Star	247	486	1450	1600
3.	Qutab Hotel, New Delhi	*5 Star	92	220	950	1100
4.	Ashok Radisson Hotel, Bangalore	*5 Star	181	362	850	1000
5.	Ashok Radisson Lalitha Palace Hotel, Mysore	*5 Star	54	106	1100	1250
6.	Ashok Radisson Beach Resort, Kovalam	*5 Star	125	250	1100	1250
7.	Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta	*5 Star	149	298	1300	1450
8.	Hotel Agra Ashok, Agra	*5 Star	55	110	1050	1200
9.	Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi	*4 Star	317	634	1350	1500
10.	Hotel Janpath, New Delhi	*4 Star	213	360	800	950
11.	Hotel Varanasi Ashok, Varanasi	*4 Star	84	168	800	950
12.	Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur	*4 Star	63	126	800	950
13.	Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	*4 Star	54	108	900	1050
14.	Hotel Ranjit, New Delhi	*3 Star	186	226	395 (350)@	695 (550)@
15.	Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi	*3 Star	207	255	625	775
16.	Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu	*3 Star	48	96	525(300)@	675(425)@
17.	Hotel Khajuraho Ashok, Khajuraho	*3 Star	38	76	600	750
18.	Hotel Patliputra Ashok, Patna	*3 Star	46	92	550	700
19.	Hotel Madurai Ashok, Madurai	*3 Star	43	86	395	695
20.	Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort, Mamallapuram	*3 Star	22	44	395	695
21.	Hotel Bodhgaya Ashok, Bodhgaya	*3 Star	30	60	650	800
22.	Hotel Aurangabad Ashok, Aurangabad	*2 Star	66	132	395	695
23.	Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar	*2 Star	64	128	395	695
24.	Hotel Hassan Ashok, Hassan	*1 Star	46	92	395(325)@	695(450)@
25.	Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi	Economy Class	548	1238	— (180)@	—(250)@
		Total	<u>3549</u>	<u>6687</u>		

#### Construction of new metre gauge lines

3552. SHRI GIRGHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative per Km. cost of conversion of meter gauge line into

broad gauge vis-a-vis the cost of construction of new broad gauge line; and

(b) whether the Government propose to give priority to the construction of new metre gauge lines instead of converting the existing metre gauge lines into broad gauge?

\*As per Hotel and Restaurant Approval and Classification Committee.

@Figures shown in bracket indicate Non-A/C Tariff.