

(d) and (e) Requests for additional allocations of SKO have been received. The difficult foreign exchange position of the country does not permit enhancement of allocations at this juncture.

Railway Schemes in Bihar

4528. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:— the

particulars of railway schemes in Bihar presently under execution the date of commencement of the schemes and the likely date of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Particulars of Railway schemes in Bihar presently under execution are as under:

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Year of approval	Anticipated cost (In Crores)	Likely date of completion
NEW LINE				
1.	Begaha-Chhitauni (28 kms)	1974-75	160	1994-95
GAUGE CONVERSION				
1.	Samastipur-Darbhanga (37 km)	1974-75	34.58	Not fixed.
2.	Chhapra-Aunrihar (171 Km)	1989-90	85.13	1993-94
DOUBLINGS				
1.	Pitaunjia-Samastipur-Ujjarpur (16.49 Km) Bachhawara-Barauni (16.40 km)	1987-88	21.31	Completed except few residual works.
2.	Ujjarpur-Bachhawara patch doubling between Siho (excluding) Ramdayalunagar (including) 24 kms Phase II	1989-90	19.6	1991-92
3.	Kiuljiamalpur-Bhagalpur Patch doubling	1980-81	32.20	1992-93
4.	Garwa Road-Sonnagar (Phase II) Bishnupur	1987-88	50.28	1992-93

Privatisation of Small Power Station

4529. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal

to establish small power stations by the private sector on the "Build Operate and Transfer" system:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve foreign companies in it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Promotion of Tourism in Eighth Plan

4530. **SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the strategies adopted to promote tourism in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether master plans have been prepared for every State and Union territory to promote tourism; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry does not prepare such plans.

(c) Does not arise.

Vayudoot Service in Maharashtra

4531. **SHRI ANNA JOSHI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to review the functioning of Vayudoot services in the country in general and Maharashtra in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. Various options are under consideration of the Government regarding the future set up of Vayudoot.

Appointment of Traffic Assistants in Air India

4532. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether an interview was held in December 1990 for Traffic Assistants in the Air India (Delhi region) and a panel of successful candidates formed;

(b) the number of candidates appointed from that panel and the number of persons appointed from Vayudoot services;

(c) whether the panel has been exhausted;

(d) if not, the reasons for outside appointments; and

(e) the time by which appointments are likely to be given to the remaining candidates on the panel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Interview was held, but the panel report was not processed because of the ban imposed by the Government on fresh appointments.