

to encourage creation of additional Steel production capacities in the private sector. With the setting up of Steel plants in the private sector mainly to produce flat products, a major portion of the demand for hot rolled coils/cold rolled coils which are presently imported is likely to be met by indigenous production.

Statement

Country-wise Import of Carbon Steel

| Country | ('000 tonnes) | | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | 94-95 | 95-96 | 96-97 (April-August) |
| Australia | 74.2 | 77.3 | 3.1 |
| Austria | 13.1 | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| Belgium | 68.6 | 65.6 | 66.9 |
| Brazil | 83.5 | 61.7 | 8.5 |
| Bulgaria | 7.2 | - | - |
| Canada | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| China | 5.2 | 9.6 | 0.3 |
| CIS | 163.8 | 414.7 | 56.4 |
| Czech | 3.1 | 9.4 | 0.5 |
| Finland | 14.1 | 2.7 | 1.9 |
| France | 65.5 | 36.4 | 35.7 |
| Germany | 296.4 | 209.2 | 77.5 |
| Holland | 22.8 | 36.4 | 25.4 |
| Hungary | 2.5 | 5.6 | 2.1 |
| Iran | 213.6 | 106.1 | 47.4 |
| Italy | 59.0 | 33.1 | 10.9 |
| Japan | 128.9 | 196.6 | 82.9 |
| Korea | 82.7 | 60.2 | 23.9 |
| Kuwait | 5.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| Mexico | - | 12.5 | - |
| Poland | 1.3 | 26.8 | 1.7 |
| Romania | 7.8 | 13.3 | 2.8 |
| Singapore | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 |
| Slovak Rep. | 60.5 | 33.0 | 9.2 |
| South Africa | 164.7 | 73.4 | 15.7 |
| Spain | 42.9 | 8.9 | 19.2 |
| Sweden | 7.4 | 4.1 | 1.3 |
| Tanzania | - | - | - |
| Turkey | 59.0 | 4.1 | - |
| U.K. | 73.6 | 101.0 | 48.1 |
| U.S.A. | 69.3 | 101.6 | 39.1 |
| Venezuela | 0.2 | 6.5 | - |
| Others | 60.2 | 64.5 | 43.0 |
| Total | 1861.4 | 1783.8 | 634.1 |

Gauge Conversion

*376. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :

SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of narrow/metre gauge lines converted into broad gauge during the Eighth Five Year Plan, Zone/State-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon, Zone-wise;

(c) the details of narrow/metre gauge lines proposed to be converted into broad gauge during Ninth Five Year Plan, Zone/State-wise;

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, Zone-wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to take up conversion work through private funding; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The sections in different zones which have been completed so far and those to be completed in the 8th plan are given below :

| 92-93 Completed Section | Kms. | Zone | State |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-------------------|
| Delhi-Rewari | 83 | NR | Haryana/Delhi |
| Lalgarh-Merta Rd | 177 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Lalgarh-Kolayat | 47 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Sawaimadhampur-Jaipur | 125 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Nadiad-Kapadvanj | 45 | WR | Gujarat |
| Bangalore-Tumkur | 59 | SR | Karnataka |
| Mysore-Bangalore | 138 | SR | Karnataka |
| Dindigul-Tuticorin | 196 | SR | Tamil Nadu |
| Bangalore-Yellahanka | 12 | SR | Karnataka |
| Guntur-Narsaraopet | 46 | SCR | AP |
| Bellary-Rayadurg | 54 | SCR | AP/Kar. |
| Aurangabad-Jalna | 64 | SCR | Maharashtra |
| Parbhani-Parlivaijnath | 63 | SCR | Maharashtra |
| Burhwal-Mehmoodabad | 38 | NER | UP |
| Kotkapura-Fazilka | 80 | NR | Punjab |
| Lucknow-Kanpur | 59 | NR | UP |
| Mankapur-Katra | 30 | NER | UP |
| Purulia-Kotshila | 35 | SER | WB |
| | 1351 | | |
| 93-94 Completed Section | Kms. | Zone | State |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Bhatinada-Hissar | 157 | NR | Haryana Punjab |
| Jaipur-Phulera | 55 | WR | Rajasthan |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------------|------|-----|-------------|
| Phulera-Jodhpur | 261 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Tumkur-Arasikere | 101 | SR | Karnataka |
| Arasikere-Chickjajur | 114 | SR | Karnataka |
| Narsaraopet-Donakonda | 75 | SCR | AP |
| Secunderabad-Mehboobnagar | 127 | SCR | AP |
| Madras-Tambaram | 27 | SR | TN |
| Chickjajur-Chitradurg | 16 | SR | Karnataka |
| Jalna-Parbhani | 116 | SCR | Maharashtra |
| Gondia-Arjuni | 82 | SER | Maharashtra |
| Secunderabad-Bolarum | 14 | SCR | AP |
| Allahabad-Varanasi | 126 | NER | UP |
| Guwahati-Lumding | 181 | NFR | Assam |
| Mehmoodabad-Sitapur | 60 | NER | UP |
| Merta Rd-Merta City | 15 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Daund-Baramati | 42 | CR | Maharashtra |
| Lalkuan-Kathgodam | 29 | NER | UP |
| Patel Nagar-Sarai | 3 | NR | Delhi |
| Durgapur-Jaipur | 8 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Mysore-Ashok Puram | 5 | SR | Karnataka |
| Lucknow-Manaknagar | 5 | NER | UP |
| | 1619 | | |

| 94-95 Completed Section | Kms. Zone | State | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Hissar-Rewari | 143 | NR | Haryana |
| Phulera-Ajmer | 81 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Rewari-Jaipur | 225 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Mehsana-Khodiyar | 52 | WR | Gujarat |
| Delhi Cantt-DLI/NDLS | 14 | NR | Delhi |
| Jodhpur-Jaisalmer | 295 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Chickjajur-Harihar | 60 | SR | Karnataka |
| Harihar-Hubli | 129 | SR | Karnataka |
| Hubli-Londa | 93 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Londa-Miraj | 188 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Birur-Shimoga | 63 | SR | Karnataka |
| Hubli-Gadag-Hariapur | 78 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Alnavar-Amedwadi | 26 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Donakonda-Giddalur | 84 | SCR | AP |
| Chickjajur-Chitradurg | 18 | SR | Karnataka |
| Parbhani-Purna | 29 | SCR | Maharashtra |
| Purna-Nanded | 32 | SCR | Maharashtra |
| Arjuni-Wadsa | 23 | SER | Maharashtra |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Muzaffarpur-Raxau | 129 | NER | Bihar |
| Lumding-Nailalung | 22 | NFR | Assam |
| Chapermukh-Haibargaon | 21 | NFR | Assam |
| | 1805 | | |
| 95-96 Completed Section | Kms. Zone | State | |
| Hariapur-Hospet | 67 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Hospet-Swamahalli | 60 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Londa-Castlerock | 25 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Mudkhed-Nanded | 23 | SCR | AP |
| Nailalung-Dimapur | 38 | NFR | Assam |
| Yellahanka-Chickballapur | 46 | SR | Karnataka |
| Makrana-Parbatsar | 21 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Samastipur-Darbhanga | 37 | NER | Bihar |
| Giddalur-Nandyal | 69 | SCR | AP |
| Gunda Rd-Kottur | 50 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Aunrihar-Chhapra | 171 | NER | UP |
| Yeshwantpur-Salem | 46 | SR | Kar/TN |
| Chhindwara-Parasia | 28 | CR | MP |
| Dimapur-Furkating | 70 | NFR | Assam |
| Guwahati-Kamakhya | 7 | NFR | Assam |
| | 758 | | |

| 96-97 Completed Section | Kms. Zone | State | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| Wadsa-Nagbir | 28 | SER | Maharashtra |
| Arasikere-Hassan | 47 | SR | Karnataka |
| Hossur-Salem | 151 | SR | TN |
| Mau-Shahganj | 99 | NER | UP |
| Hassan-Holenarsipur | 30 | SR | Karnataka |
| Mehsana-Marwar-Ajmer | 423 | WR | Rajasthan |
| Sagauli-Narkatiaganj | 59 | NER | Bihar |
| Castle Rock-Vasco | 87 | SCR | Goa |
| Total | 924 | | |
| <i>Works in progress</i> | | | |
| Guntakal-Nandyal | 136 | SCR | AP |
| Tinsukia-Lekhapani | 63 | NFR | Assam |
| Bangarpet-Kolar | 18 | SR | Karnataka |
| Furkating-Tinsukia | 193 | NFR | Assam |
| Tinsukia-Dibrugarh | 48 | NFR | Assam |
| | 458 | | |
| | 1382 | | |

(b) The total expenditure incurred during the 8th five year plan Zone-wise is as under :—

| Zone | Exp. in crs. of Rs. | | | | |
|-------|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| | 92-93 | 93-94 | 94-95 | 95-96 | 96-97 (Upto Jan'97) |
| CR | 1 | 13.1 | 8.89 | 27.82 | 14.86 |
| ER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NR | 151.62 | 239.16 | 195.05 | 38.59 | 10.53 |
| NER | 68.11 | 84.19 | 128.49 | 162.46 | 85.75 |
| NFR | 83.31 | 59.95 | 97.71 | 116.72 | 145.69 |
| SR | 133.06 | 161.23 | 187.26 | 234.94 | 172.2 |
| SCR | 179.31 | 235.11 | 392.81 | 478.41 | 198.04 |
| SER | 11.81 | 69.14 | 28.35 | 35.56 | 21.05 |
| WR | 65.69 | 137.62 | 224.98 | 156.77 | 190.25 |
| Total | 693.91 | 999.51 | 1263.54 | 1251.26 | 838.37 |

(c) The lines to be converted during the 9th five year plan have not yet been finalised. However, in the first year of the 9th plan viz 97-98, the following sections will be converted :

| Section | Kms. | Cost of the entire project | Zone | State |
|---------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|-------------|
| Jodhpur-Marwar | 103 | 100 | NR | Rajasthan |
| Hotgi-Bijapur | 100 | 208 | SCR | Karnataka |
| Nagbir-Chandafort | 111 | 242 | SER | Maharashtra |
| Mehboobnagar-Dronachellam | 185 | 283 | SCR | AP |
| Mysore-Holenarsipur | 87 | 119 | SR | Karnataka |
| Chennai-Tirchy | 312 | 300 | SR | Tamil Nadu |
| Narkatiaganj-Valmikinagar | 55 | 50 | NER | Bihar |
| Mariani-Furkating loop | 85 | 552 | NFR | Assam |
| Hajipur-Bachwara | 71 | 71 | NER | Bihar |
| Tirchy-Thanjavur | 50 | 139 | SR | Tamil Nadu |
| Hassan-Sakleshpur | 42 | 185 | SR | Karnataka |
| Simalguri-Moranhat | 54 | 552 | NFR | Assam |

(d) The 9th plan has not yet been finalised. The expenditure likely to be incurred on the projects to be opened in the first year of the 9th plan viz 97-98 is shown in reply to part (c).

(e) Not at present, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Electronic Exchanges

*377. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets for setting up of electronic exchanges in the country have been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) if not, the stage where delay is being caused and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the locations where the Government propose to set up electronic exchanges during 1997, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The overall net switching capacity targets for setting up of electronic exchanges in the country for the last three years have been achieved as detailed below :

| | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| | (in lakh lines) | | |
| Targets | 15.44 | 19.00 | 24.00 |
| Achievements | 18.27 | 22.30 | 26.02 |