

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. An amount of Rs. 50 lakhs has been provided in Budget 1996-97 for this work

(b) and (c). The work had been included in the Budget to be taken up after the necessary clearances had been obtained. The work could not be started till Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs clearance was obtained. Now that the clearance has become available, the work is being taken up.

Setting up of Telecom Factory in Bihar

4107. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a telecom factory/industry in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no proposal under Government's consideration for setting up any new Telecom Factory as there is no requirement.

On-Going Rail Projects in Vidarbha Region

4108. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the on-going new rail projects in Vidarbha region;

(b) the project-wise cost and funds allocated, released and actually utilised during 1995-96 and provision of funds made during the current year particularly for Amravati-Narkhed new rail-link project;

(c) whether the provision of funds is inadequate for the completion of these projects, particularly Amravati-Narkhed new rail link—within the stipulated time-schedule;

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to ensure provision of adequate funds during the current year to accelerate tempo of execution of ongoing works and avoid cost and time over-run;

(e) the details of over-bridges projects pending clearance for Vidarbha region; and

(f) the steps taken for their clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The details of the projects, currently in progress in Vidarbha region, are as under :

(Rs. in Crores)				
Name	Cost	Outlays		Expenditure Upto March '96
		1995-96	1996-97	
NEW LINES				
1. Amravati-Narkhed	Rs. 182.77	Rs. 2.00	Rs. 5.49	Rs. 2.53
DOUBLING				
1. Sewagram (Wardha East)-Chitoda	Rs. 3.39	New project included in Budget, 1996-97.	Rs. 0.28	New project included in Budget, 1996-97.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) An amount of Rs. 5.49 crores has been provided for Amravati-Narkhed new line, which is considered adequate for the purpose, as only the land acquisition has been taken up at present.

(e) and (f). No projects of Over bridges in Vidarbha region are pending for clearance. However, 16 proposals under BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) Scheme or "deposit works" are under various stages of planning by State Government.

New Coaches to Trains

4109. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any step has been taken to provide new coaches to trains in Kerala;

(b) if so, the number of coaches provided alongwith the names of trains; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?