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8.	Seawood-Uran electrified 5th line (22.30 km)	401.81 (129.87 Rly 271.94 CIDCO)
9.	Mumbai Central/Santacruz Borivali 5th line (15.81 km)	64.17
10.	Quadrupling between Borivali-Virar (25.84 km) Chennai	327.21
11.	Construction of line MRTS line from Madras Beach-Luz (8.55 km)	259.44
12.	Luz-Vellachery extension of MRTS (10.30 km)	605.70 (141.96 Rly 463.74 Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

(b) At present there are no sanctioned works which are yet to be started.

[*Translation*]

Linking of Desert Circuit with Rail

2026. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme with the Government for linking of "Tourist Desert Circuit" of desert areas of Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Nagaur and Barmer in Rajasthan with Delhi by a broad gauge railway line;

(b) if so, the names of the cities where gauge conversion work has been started in first phase; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Gauge conversion has been completed from Bikaner-Nagaur-Merta Road, Jodhpur-Jaisalmer and Merta Road - Jaipur-Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

Balco's Korba Project

2027. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given permission to Bharat Aluminium Company Limited's Korba project to start a new Rolling Mill;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms and conditions thereof; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to start its work?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) Government have approved Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)'s proposal to set up a New Cold Rolling Mill with a designed capacity of 40,000 Tonnes per annum to produce thinner gauges of sheets and coils below 0.4 mm thickness. The setting up of New Cold Rolling Mill would involve an investment of Rs.157.50 crores at price level of last quarter 1996. The construction period of New Cold Rolling Mill is 36 months.

Pending Cases in Industrial Tribunals

2028. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted additional labour courts and industrial tribunals and organised Lok Adalats for the speedy disposal of labour related cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and

(c) the number of cases disposed of through these courts and the number of cases pending till February, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Central Government have

so far not constituted any additional labour courts, industrial tribunals nor have Lok Adalats been organised.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Change of Name of Railway Station

2029. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Naugarh" railway station is proposed to be renamed as "Sidharth Nagar"; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Power Failure In Kanishka Hotel

2030. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the event of power failure there are no alternative arrangements to supply electricity in the rooms of five star Kanishka Hotel though the customers are entitled to such facility;

(b) if so, the reasons of non-compliance of the rules by the Hotel in this regard and the measures the Government propose to adopt to ensure these facilities to the customers; and

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to the customer?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Hotel Kanishka (4 star category) has alternative arrangements for supply of electricity in the case of power cut. Some problem, however, developed in supplying alternative electricity due to break-down of DG sets. In order to overcome this problem and ensure better services to customers, while the broke-down DG sets are being replaced/repared; an additional DG set of 1000 KVA is also proposed to be added.

(c) The main facilities being provided in Hotel Kanishka include 317 air-conditioned rooms, close circuit TV/M.A. TV system; refrigerators, telephone system, channel music, hot and cold running water in rooms; 3 restaurants, serving different cuisines; conference and banquet facilities; swimming pool, shopping arcade and many other general services.

Trans Asian Railway Projects

2031. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Trans Asian Railway is being considered by UN-ESCAP;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UN-ESCAP has undertaken three feasibility studies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government for the proposed Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The following three studies have been conducted by ESCAP:

1. Feasibility Study on Connecting Rail Network of China, Kazakstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and the Korean Peninsula.

2. Preliminary Study on Development of the Trans-Asian Railway in the Southern Corridor of the Asia-Europe Routes.

3. Study on the Trans-Asian Railway in the Indo-China and ASEAN subregion.

(d) The study on Development of the Trans-Asian Railway in the Southern Corridor was a preliminary study as mentioned in item (2) of reply to (a) to (c) above and no specific project proposal has been formulated.

Bangalore-Salem Rail Line

2032. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore-Salem broad gauge line became operational to trains for carrying goods only from the first week of November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above line is likely to be opened for passenger trains;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to provide direct broad gauge rail link between Bangalore and Hyderabad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This line has been opened for passenger traffic on 11.1.97.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Gauge Conversion of Mahboobnagar-Dronachalam is in progress and is targetted for completion by 31.12.97 after which direct BG link between Hyderabad and Bangalore will become available.