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- II. Uttar Pradesh:
- 1. Agra:
- (A) Extension/modification of terminal building
- (B) Apron Extension;
- 2. Lucknow:
- (A) Extension/modification of terminal building;
- (B) Resurfacing of runway and truning pad;
- (C) Construction of Boundary Wall;
- 3. Kanpur:
- (A) Construction of boundary wall;
 - (b) and (c) The projects are on schedule.

Introduction of New Passenger Train between Ayodhya and New Deihi

2041. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the international importance of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh the Government propose to introduce a new passenger train between Ayodhya and New Delhi via Kanpur;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no such proposal at present;

- (b) Does not arise;
- (c) Operational and resource constraints.

Concessions to Journalists

2042. DR. G.R. SARODE: SHRI S.P. JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any concession is given to accredited card holder journalists in rall fare;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the journalists of Maharashtra are deprived of this facility:
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the district level journalists can also avail the concession in rail fare; and
 - (f) # so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the existing provisions, Press Correspondents accredited to the Headquarters of Government of India and State Governments/Union Territories, residing within 25 Kms. of the concerned Capital, are issued rail travel coupons at 25% concession in First Class and 50% concession in Second/Sleeper Class for travel upto 2500 Kms. per month on bonafide professional work.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (e) and (f) It has been decided to extend concessional travel facility to District level Press Correspondents also.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

2043. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that gauge conversion work is being carried out between Neemach and Ratlam on the Ratlam-Ajmer division of Western Railway;
- (b) whether certain bridges have been widened and roads have also been extended at several places during the course of this work;
- (c) whether the gauge conversion work of this route was scheduled to be completed during 1995-96, but due to lack of funds this work is being delayed and the citizens, industrialists and public representatives of this area have requested the Government to provide the necessary funds; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed?

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

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The work is targeted for completion in IX Plan Period.

[English]

ESI Hospitals

2044. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new ESI hospitals proposed to be opened in the country, State-wise; and
 - (b) the amount proposed to be provided in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) A statement showing State-wise position of ESI Hospitals under construction is enclosed;

(b) Rs, 10, 246.87 lakh.

Statement

Liet of Hospitals under various stages of construction

SI.No.	Name of the Hospital
Andhra	Pradesh
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Tirupati
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Nizamabad
Chandi	garh
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Chandigarh
Delhi	
1.	262 bedded ESI Hospital, Okhla
2.	270 bedded ESI Hospital, Rohini
Gujarat	
1.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Vapi
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Jamnagar
Haryana	1
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhiwani
Karnata	ka
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Belgaum
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Shahbad
Madhya	Pradesh
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Nagda
Mahara	ehtra
1.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Kolhapur
2.	100 bedded ESI Hospital, Chinchwad
3.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bibewadi
Orissa	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhubaneswar
2.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Rourkela
Punjab	
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Mandigobindgarh
Rajasth	an
1.	50 bedded ESI Hospital, Bhilwara

Tamii Nadu

2.

1. 50 bedded ESI Hospital, Tirucharapally

50 bedded ESI Hospital, Pali

West Bengal

100 bedded ESI Hospital, Durgapur. 1.

Change in Timings of New Delhi-Indore, Intercity Express

2045. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to change the timings of New Delhi-Indore, Intercity Express; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no proposal at present to change the timings of 4005/4006 Indore-Nizamuddin Express.

(b) Does not arise.

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Modernisation of VSP

2046. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is proposed to be modernised and expanded;
- (b) if so, the investment proposed to be made and source of investment;
 - (c) the capacity proposed to be increased; and
- (d) the target for completion of Phase-I and Phase-Il of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (d) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (Visakhapatnam Steel Plant) has proposed to take up expansion of the plant from 3 million tonne stage to 4.05 million tonne stage of Liquid Steel production at an estimated cost of Rs.984 crores (Base date of last quarter 1994-95). The expansion is proposed to be implemented in two phases viz. phase-I in 30 months and thereafter phase-II in 30 months. The expansion will be funded by Visakhapatnam Steel Plant from their own internal resources as well as commercial borrowings.

Repeated Intrusions into the Air Space

2047. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the repeated intrusions into the air space have made it necessary for India to supplement its ground based radars with airborne monitoring;
- (b) if so, whether during the last 2,3 months there have been mid air-intrusions which were saved due to the timely action by the experts;
- (c) if so, what were the total number of such mid air intrusions that occured;