

### Foreign Collaboration in Defence

1294. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :  
SHRI JANARDAN PRASAD MISRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approached many countries of the world to promote collaboration in the area of defence during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the ongoing agreements signed in the field of defence together with the agreements likely to be signed in the near future, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Government pursue a policy of establishing cooperation in the defence sector with various friendly countries. In this connection, the Government's view is that the enhancement of our bilateral defence relations with other friendly countries should be conducted in a measured manner, to the extent necessary and consistent with national interest. During the previous financial year (1997-98), interactions have taken place with several countries including Russia, USA, U.K., France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia and Maldives. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Military Technical cooperation has been signed with the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic at New Delhi on May 16, 1997. Discussions have been held with the Government of the Russian Federation for an agreement to cover Indo-Russian defence cooperation beyond the year 2000.

[English]

### Construction of Railway Line between Kolar and Tirupathi

1295. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a railway line between Kolar and Tirupathi via Bangarpet; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Construction of Airports in Uttar Pradesh

1296. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal to construct more airports in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

### Linking of District Headquarters with Railway Lines

1297. SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for linking of district headquarters with railway line in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above scheme is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

### Completion of Railway Projects

1298. SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the on-going Railway Projects under East Coast Railway Division and South Eastern Railway Division; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to allocate adequate funds for completion of these projects on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) A Statement is attached.

## Statement

New Lines	Fund Allocation	Progress of each project/TDC
1	2	3
1. Howrah-Amta (173.5 Kms)	Rs. 31.200	After completing the work from Howrah to Bargachia, the work was frozen. Owing to strong demands from Hon'ble Members, the work was defrozen in 95-96 for the segment from Bargachia to Munshirhat. The work on this 8 km long section is in good progress. However the state government has not yet handed over land for 3 km. Notification under section(4) has been issued and state Govt. has indicated that land will be made available by June'98. The line from Bargachia-Munshirhat will be completed within one year of land being made available.
2. Tamluk-Digha (87.5 kms)	Rs. 38.800	Earthwork and minor bridges are in progress from km. 0 to 20 and major bridge on river Haldi. The work is being regulated as per availability of resources. This line will connect the tourist resort of Digha but has low priority. No target has yet been fixed.
3. Talcher-Sambalpur (174 kms)	Rs. 403.980	Talcher-Angul (18 kms) & Sambalpur-Maneswar (16 kms) sections have since been completed. The work on balance portion is now expected to be completed by end of June'98.
4. Daitari-Banspani (155 kms)	Rs. 195.010	This is an important ongoing project. Earthwork and bridges is in progress from kms 0 to 124. In this stretch about 80 km of the formation is ready in patches. From kms 124 to 155, transfer of forest land has been cleared and is expected to be made available after tree felling is completed (14 km) by Oct'98. The line is targetted for completion by Dec.2003 to match the requirement of steel plants.
5. Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh (100 km)	Rs. 11.470	623 hectares of land out of a total of 1220 hectares has been received from Lanjigarh to Bhavanipatna and earthwork and bridges work in this stretch has been taken up.
6. Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 kms)	Rs. 5.490	The work of final location survey is in progress between Khurda Road and Bolangir and report is expected by 31-12-98. Once the survey is over, land acquisition will be processed and once the land becomes available the work would be taken up.
7. Haridaspur-Paradeep (82 kms)	Rs. 11.950	Final location survey has been completed and an amount of Rs. 5 crs. has been paid to the State Govt. for land acquisition. Work would be started as soon as land becomes available and will be progressed as per availability of resources.
8. Angul-Sukinda Road (90 kms)	Rs. 2.001	Final location survey has been taken up by M/s Modi Projects and is expected to be completed by Aug.'98. Further action will be taken after completion of FLS for acquisition of land.

1	2	3
9. Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur (235 kms)	Rs. 6.810	This work is included in the railway budget since 95-96. However, this line is to be taken up on a cost sharing basis with Ministry of Steel & MP Govt., the cost of the first phase work from Dallirajahara to Rowghat being borne entirely by the Ministry of Steel since the line would be used for transporting iron ore to Bhilai. For the rest of the line SAIL is providing finances to the tune of Rs. 75 crs at 7% interest to be adjusted through freight concessions. M.P. Govt. will be providing land free of cost worth Rs. 25 crs. and rest of the money is to be given by the Railway. An MOU has been signed and the work would be started once SAIL deposit their share of the cost and the land is made available. At present FLS is in progress at the cost of SAIL who have deposited Rs. 50 lakhs for the same. FLS is likely to be over by June'98.
10. Bishrampur-Ambikapur (23 kms)	0.001	The work would be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.
<b>GAUGE CONVERSIONS</b>		
1. Naupada-Gunupur (90 kms)	0.001	The work will be taken up after the necessary clearances have been obtained.
2. Ranchi-Lohardaga with extention to Tori (68.6 kms)	10.000	The work is being started on the phase-I i.e.G.C. of Ranchi-Lohardaga section. FLS on Lohardaga to Tori (Phase-II) is in progress. Outlay adequate for earthwork and bridge work on Ranchi-Lohardaga and FLS & land acquisition on Lohardaga-Tori section.
3. Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katnagi (285 Kms)	20.020	Final location survey to determine the diversions required to suit BG has been taken up. The work is now being started on those portions where the alignment will not change.
4. Gondia-Chandafort (242 kms)	331.830	The work between Gondia-Babupeth completed. The work on parallel line between babupeth – Ballarshah has also been taken up as material modification and would be completed by Dec.'98.
5. Rupsa-Bangariposi (89.4 kms)	3.880	Earthwork has been taken up from kms. 0 to 75. Work will be regulated as per availability of resources. No target date has yet been fixed.
<b>DOUBLINGS</b>		
1. Urkura-Raipur-Sarona (11.6 kms)	22.780	Urkura-Raipur (6.5 kms) completed. The work is progressing well on the rest of section and linking completed. Both sections with Electrification will be commissioned by June'98.
2. Akaltara-Champa (25.6 kms)	39.390	Akaltara-Naila (16 kms.) completed. Non interlocking will be taken up in June'98 & section will be commissioned by June'98 end. The section Naila-Champa (12 kms) will be completed by June'99.

1	2	3
3. Korba-Sarabgundia (12.5 kms)	24.430	The work is in progress and Sarabgundia-Urga (6.5 kms) will be completed by Sept'98 and the rest of the work by Jan.'99.
4. Bilaspur-Urkura (110 kms)	0.010	Detailed planning & preparation of estimate is in progress. Work will be taken up and progressed as per availability of resources.
5. Champa-Sarabgundia (30 kms)	10.000	Detailed planning and preparation of estimate is in progress. Work will be taken up and will be progressed as per availability of resources.
6. Korba-Gevra Road	0.010	New work included in Budget 1998-99.
7. Raghunathpur-Rahama (28.40 kms)	48.360	Earthwork, major and minor bridges are in progress. The work is targeted for completion in 98-99.
8. Rajatgarh-Nergundi (28 kms)	52.270	The section from Rajatgarh to Salegaon (24 kms) is expected to be completed by Sept.'98. The remaining section of 4 kms has a fly over and would be ready by June'99 subject to land being made available by the state Government.
9. Talcher-Cuttack-Paradeep (2nd Bridges on Mahanadi & Birupa) (192 kms)	17.920	Soil investigation and detailed design on Birupa bridge has been completed and drawings are under preparation. For Mahanadi, tenders for investigation and design have been opened and are under process.
10. Titlagarh-Lanjigarh (47 kms)	13.020	The preparation of plans and estimates and land acquisition plans has been taken up.
11. Rahama-Paradeep (23 kms)	9.060	The preparation of plans and estimates has been taken up. Land acquisition has been processed and work is being taken up.
12. Nergundi-Cuttack-Raghunathpur (35.35 kms)	9.000	The preparation of plans and estimates and land acquisition plans has been taken up.
13. Goelkera-Manoharpur 3rd line (Chakradharpur-Bondamunda section) (34.8 Kms)	10.000	Final location survey and preparation of land acquisition plan and papers has been taken up. Outlay is adequate for the activities planned.
14. Gajapatnagar-Vijayanagar (22 kms)	34.000	Gajapatnagar-Gotlam (16 kms) completed and from Gotlam - Vijayanagar will be completed by 31-7-98. Yard remodelling of Vijayanagar is also in progress.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Overbridge

1299. SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of over-bridge on National Highway No.7 in Mehar town of Madhya Pradesh was sanctioned during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the present position of the said bridge?  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Airport at Kanyakumari

1300. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: