

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government does not set up any Food Processing Industry directly in any State. However, financial assistance is provided by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its plan Schemes to encourage the setting up of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, anywhere in the country.

[English]

#### Survey for Berhampur-Phulbani Rail Line

1334. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rail lines surveyed in Orissa;

(b) the time by which the work on these rail lines is likely to commence, project-wise;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to provide rail link between Berhampur and Phulbani via Aska; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The survey for new line from Berhampur to Phulbani has been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

#### Processed Food

1335. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large variety of processed foods contain genetically modified ingredients;

(b) if so, whether such foods are potentially dangerous from health point of view; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that GM ingredients are not to be used by food processing industries?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN):

(a) to (c) This is a new technology which is in general, not in existence in food business in India.

#### Late Running of Trains

1336. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost all the long distance trains are invariably running late;

(b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the system of fixing responsibility on the concerned officials for late running of trains has been done away with;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the number of officials on whom responsibility has been fixed during the last one year in different zones?

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) No, Sir. To run trains on time is the ultimate aim of Indian Railways. However, the trains do run late sometimes due to alarm chain-pulling, miscreants activities, agitation/bandhs, accidents, bad weather (fog/floods), equipment and human failures, etc.

(c) to (e) Remedial measures including intensive chasing and monitoring at Divisional and Headquarters level is taken. Railway staff wherever found responsible for late running of trains is taken up. 11143 staff were taken up during the last year.