

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) As per available information All Indian Financial Institutions have approved and sanctioned 19 steel plants involving an aggregate investment of around Rs. 25,000 crores since July, 1991. Of these, 6 units have since been commissioned representing an aggregate investment of about Rs. 6000 crores. Information on percentage contribution of indigeneous and foreign parties to this investment is not centrally monitored.

(b) No, Sir. Government policy is to encourage investment in the steel sector; not to have financial central over it.

(c) It is not expected that private sector would undertake any investment without the same being technoeconomically sound.

(d) Private sector undertakings are not required to seek Govt. approval for Foreign Direct Investment in the Iron & Steel Sector upto 74% equity participation. Information therefore is not available nor centrally monitored.

[English]

Water Supply Scheme for Guwahati

5363. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modified projects for water supply scheme for Guwahati Municipal Corporation and Greater Guwahati City have been submitted to the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Assam has submitted a modified project proposal for water supply to Greater Guwahati at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 444.614 crores for obtaining assistance from the World Bank. The proposal has been recommended by the Union Government to the World Bank for loan assistance. The Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) in this Ministry have also communicated their technical comments to the State Government for appropriate action.

Attachment of Coach

5364. SHRI JUAL GRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the link compartment coming from Rourkela to Jharsuguda and joined with Superfast Sambalpur-Nizamuddin Express has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the time by which the attachment of above compartment will start again?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to operational constraints.

(c) There is no proposal at present to restart the above mentioned service.

Cancellation of Trains in U.P.

5365. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the trains cancelled in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for their cancellation;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore these trains; 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) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Utilisation of Printing Machines

5366. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity utilisation and target set at the Government of India Presses during each of the last three years, Press-wise;

(b) the reasons for not achieving the targets during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to maximum utilisation of its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) No specific target for capacity utilisation has been set for the Government of India Presses. However, efforts are made to achieve 50-60 percent capacity utilisation every year.