

(c) An amount of Rs. 14.61 crore has been reimbursed by the Asian Development Bank to the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation which is the executing agency of the project.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The Karnataka Coastal Environmental Management and Urban Development Project is envisaged to provide infrastructure facilities to 10 towns along the west coast of Karnataka. The Asian Development Bank has provided US \$ 80,000 as Technical Assistance for the purpose of preparing a project suitable for ADB funding to facilitate sustainable development of ten towns along west coast of Karnataka. The consultants have identified the projects and the draft feasibility report was discussed in a tripartite meeting held between KUIDFC, State Government and ADB.

Performance of Konkan Railway Corporation

2025. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Konkan Railway Corporation has undertaken indepth review of its performance recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof by standard parameters;

(c) the details of short term and long term strategies worked out to improve over all performance to fetch more revenue; and

(d) the details of action plan and aggressive marketing strategies worked out for the current year and Ninth Five Year Plan period?

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) The performance review in terms of budget figures and actuals for the half year ending 30th September, 1998 indicate that :-

i) Konkan Railway expected to meet its direct operational expenses from its revenues.

ii) Konkan Railway is unable to meet the financing costs.

(c) and (d) The details of short term and long term strategies worked out to improve the performance and steps up revenues are as under :-

I) Short term measures :

a) the railway took immediate action to divert passenger trains on the shorter route. Additionally 2 new trains have been started on this route which has improved the revenues of the Konkan Railways.

b) Meetings have been held with the Chambers of Commerce and specific stream of commodities like Cement, Fertilizer have been addressed even offering incentives to move the goods traffic and attract the same back from Road and Vessels.

c) Ministry of Railways has also provided cash assistance of Rupees 50 crores through a loan sanctioned in budget of 1998-99.

II) Long term measures :

It is planned to adopt aggressive marketing strategies and for this purpose assistance of Indian Institute of Management/Ahmedabad has been taken for working out the business strategies. Konkan Railway is planning to open business offices in Gujarat as well as in Cochin as a part of this marketing strategy in the next 5 years.

i) It is also proposed to restructure financial obligations and raise bonds to refinance.

ii) Attract more goods traffic.

iii) To strengthen Konkan Railway in offering customer friendly services to wean away traffic from other modes.

iv) Launch Konkan Star services.

v) Rationalise inflation for passenger/goods traffic to generate additional income.

Construction of New Building at Mysore Railway Workshop

2026. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the administrative building of Mysore Railway workshop is 40 years old;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to construct a new building;

(c) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(d) the time by which the new building is likely to be constructed?