

(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?

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. This building was constructed in 1963 and is in good condition. The office accommodation available is adequate for the present staff strength.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### Foreign Direct Investment

2027. SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU :  
SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADODA MANDLIK :  
SHRI C. KUPPUSAMI :  
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether detailed guidelines have been worked out for building airport projects through joint ventures of BOT, BOLT, BOO or LDO (lease-developed-operate);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government ensure that operations and maintenance of air traffic, which is of strategic area, would continue to be in the hands of the Government agency?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The 'Policy on Airport Infrastructure' envisages ownership of airport by Central Government, PSUs, State Governments, Urban Local Bodies, Private Companies and individuals as well as joint ventures involving one or more of the above. All options in respect of management of airports such as BOT, BOLT, BOO, LDO, are permissible. Foreign equity participation upto 74% with automatic approval and 100% in special cases will be permitted.

(c) At present, Airports Authority of India provides Air Traffic Services throughout the country. These services will normally be provided by Airports Authority of India, except for approach and aerodrome control services, which may be provided by licensed ATCs engaged by the airport operators.

#### Railway Projects

2028. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount likely to be incurred on the laying of Saharanpur-Dehradun, Rishikesh-Dehradun, and Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway lines on the basis of the standard costs of the year 1998, separately;

(b) the names of the railway lines out of these, on which survey has been completed; and

(c) the time by which the survey-work on the remaining railway-lines likely to be completed?

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) The survey for Dehradun-Saharanpur has been completed and its report is under finalisation in consultation with the Railway. The other two surveys are in progress. The cost of laying Saharanpur-Dehradun line is Rs. 324.80 crores. The cost of the other two lines will be known only after the Surveys are completed.

(b) Saharanpur-Dehradun.

(c) The surveys are likely to be completed by the following dates :

| Survey                  | Expected date of completion |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rishikesh-Dehradun.     | 31.03.99                    |
| Rishikesh-Karanparayag. | 31.03.99                    |

#### Threat Perception from China

2029. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :  
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether China is building a pre-emptive military strike capability on its borders and is developing Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles with a range upto 12,000 Km;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Government have examined the reports that have been published in various Newspapers in India in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to meet the threat posed by deploying these missiles on the borders by China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) There are no authenticated reports to indicate that China is building pre-emptive military strike capability on its border with India. However, China is known to have Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles (IRBMs) of range varying from 600 km to 4750 km, 20 ICBMs of DF-5 (CSS-4) with range of 13000 km and Short Range Ballistic Missiles (SRBMs) of range varying from 280 km to 1700 km. Recent reports indicate