

**Eklakhi-Balurghat Rail Line**

1906. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the new railway line from Eklakhi to Balurghat in North Eastern railway was sanctioned and when the work was started thereon;

(b) the estimated cost of this railway line and funds earmarked in the Budget of 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(c) the details of the scheme prepared for the completion of this project and when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The new railway line from Eklakhi to Balurghat was sanctioned and the work started thereon in 1983-84.

(b) The estimated cost of this Railway line is Rs. 47.18 crores. Because of acute constraint of resources only a token allotment of Rs. 1000/- could be made in 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(c) Its completion would depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

**Procurement of Rakes for Suburban Railway Bombay**

1907. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rakes the Central Railway is having for their suburban services in Bombay.

(b) the number of rakes to be scrapped due to ageing/damaged condition;

(c) the number of new rakes for which the Central Railway has placed order (for Bombay suburban area); and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the supplies of rakes?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 86.

(b) 18 Motor Coaches and 61 Trailer Coaches were overdue replacement on codal life basis as on 31.3.1990.

(c) and (d). The orders are placed by Railway Board. To meet urgent requirement for Bombay suburban area on Central and Western Railways, 72 coaches have been planned to be manufactured in 1990-91. M/S Jessop have been asked to step up manufacture of coaches from 72 to 90 in 1991-92 and to 102 thereafter.

**Revival of Raghunath Express**

1908. SHRI LOKANATH CH-  
OUDHARY: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand by the people of Orissa to revive the Raghunath Express popularly known as Puri-Tirupathi Express; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reason thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

**Maintenance of Asansol Damodar Section**

1909. SHRI PURNACHANDRAMALIK: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to improve the Asansol-Damodar Section of south Eastern Railway;

(b) whether it includes widening of the overhead bridge, i.e. BNR Bridge on G.T. Road; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). On Asansol-Damodar Section of South Eastern Railway the Railways are carrying out certain passenger amenity works such as provision of low level platform in place of rail level platform at Damodar station; provision of platform shelter alongwith facilities for dealing with coaching trains at Burnpur station. Further on this section track renewals of 1.7 kms. is in progress. The remaining track on this section was already renewed in the last six years.

It is also proposed to rebuild the existing bridge with wider road-way, jointly with the State Govt. on cost sharing basis, as per rules.

#### **Accidents in Subsidiaries of CIL**

1910. SHRI HARDHAN ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred in the year 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 in different subsidiaries of the Coal India Limited, respectively; and

(b) the details of the nature of accidents as fatal/disabled/partially disabled?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Foreign Collaborations For Making Toys and dolls**

1911. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign collaborations granted for making toys and dolls;

(b) the out go foreign exchange on all accounts;

(c) the foreign exchange earnings; and

(d) the reasons for granting these foreign collaborations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Between 1985 to June 1988, Government has accorded approval for six Foreign Collaboration proposals for manufacture of Toys, Educational and Scientific Aides. No approval has been granted after June 1988.

(b) As per the terms of approval granted in the above proposals, a total amount of US \$ 1,74,750 (net of taxes) is involved towards the payment of technical know-how fee. The terms of approval also include payment of royalty ranging between 3% to 5% subject to taxes for a period of five years subject to the standard conditions governing the payment of royalty. Further, the approvals also provide for payment of rent at the rate of 1% to 1.5% subject to taxes based on the c.i.f cost of the moulds per month imported by the individual companies.

(c) The estimated foreign exchange earnings based on the f.o.b. value of exports as given by the companies, was around Rs. 3878.70 lakhs.

(d) Such collaborations have been accorded, considering the need for manu-