

(b) The line is expected to be completed by about January, 1991.

(c) and (d). At present, Andhra Pradesh in Southern Region is connected with Madhya Pradesh in Western Region through a 220 KV double circuit from Lower Sileru (AP) to Basuru (MO). Another 220 KV double circuit inter-connection from Belgaum to Kolhapur between Karnataka in Southern Region and Maharashtra in Western Region is also existing. Transfer of power on these two lines is taking place depending upon availability of power and system conditions. The completion of Chandrapur-Ramgundam line would further strengthen the interconnection between Western and Southern regions and considerably enhance the power transfer capability between the two regions.

EMU Facility from Ahmedabad-Surat-Virar

8721. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start EMU facility from Ahmedabad-Surat-Virar to ease the difficulties of the commuters; and

(b) if is, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). Presently, a survey is in hand to determine the techno-economic feasibility of introduction of EMU services on this section.

[*Translation*]

Closure of Japla Cement Factory

8722. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 5000 labourers were ren-

dered unemployed in Baulia quarries in Rohtas district in Bihar due to closure of Japla Cement Factory since 29 September, 1985;

(b) whether Japla Cement factory and Baulia quarries are lying closed despite repeated assurances by Union and State Governments in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to restart them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c). M/s. Sone Valley Portland Cement Company Ltd. has intimated that this factory has been under lock-out from September, 1985. Baulia quarries is part of the company and about 1700 workers at the Baulia quarries have been laid off in January, 1986. The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has already approved a scheme for revival of M/s. Sone Valley Portland Cement Company Ltd. on 14th August, 1989. Management of the company is taking further steps for restarting the factory in terms of the revival package drawn up by BIFR.

[*English*]

Gas Based Power Plants in Kerala

8723. SHRI A. CHARLES:
SHRI T. BASHEER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up gas based power plants in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and locations identified therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). At pres-

ent, there is no proposal for setting up gas based power plants in Kerala for examination in Central Electricity Authority regarding techno-economic clearance. However, a Feasibility Report in regard to the setting up of 90 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, based on LSHS/fuel/oil/natural gas, at Brahmapuram, Cochin at an estimated cost of Rs. 106.66 crores was received by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from the Kerala State Electricity Board, in April, 1988. The proposal could be processed by the CEA for techno-economic clearance after the fuel availability is confirmed; other requisite inputs are tied up and necessary clearances have been obtained by the State Electricity Board.

Bridge Across Revas-Karanja Harbour

8724. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for constructing railway bridge across the Revas-Karanja harbour with a railway line going to Uran and Thal Vaish joining the Konkan railway;

(b) if so, the time by which Government are likely to take a decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Uran is already connected by rail to Konkan Railway line at Panvel. Due to constraint of resources it would be difficult to connect Thal Vaishet.

[*Translation*]

Cadre Review of Booking Clerks and Ticket Collectors on Western Railway

8725. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of Booking Clerks and Tickets Collectors as per the existing cadre of Commercial Department in Western Railway Suburban Block;

(b) how many times and when the cadre review of th Department has been done during the last decade; and

(c) when the next review would be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Information is being collected from the Western Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Different cadres of Commercial Department on Railways were reviewed in January, 1979 and in December, 1983.

(c) Next review will be taken ups as and when a committee on cadre review is constituted.

[*English*]

Abolition of Suburban Train Services in Calcutta

8726. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a plan to gradually withdraw suburban train services since these involved heavy subsidies;