

whether any target date has been fixed for the completion of this project? Will the Minister ensure that this prestigious project is completed within the period of the target time?

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN: The project is not behind the schedule at all. The implementation schedule is that the first 210 MW unit is expected to be commissioned four years after signing of the supply contract for the main plant equipment and the second unit, six months thereafter. The supply contract for the main plant equipment is expected to be signed by March 1991. Then, if it is signed by March 1991, the first unit will be commissioned by March 1995 and that will be exactly in accordance with the schedule, which has been chalked out.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Appeal of Indian Relief Committee, Dubai

*576. **SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Relief Committee, Dubai appealed to the Prime Minister of India to restore the hotel accommodation facilities to onward passengers in the Indian Sector which was discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to International Air Transport Association (IATA) norms, applicable from 1.6.88, hotel accommodation to passengers is provided by airlines at the connecting points when the one way fare appli-

cable to the portion flown on the services of the airline is more than US\$350.00. Accordingly, passengers travelling on a one way fare of less than US\$350.00 from Dubai are not being provided hotel accommodation by the airlines.

Setting up of unit of H.M.T. Ltd. at Hassan (Karnataka)

*577. **SHRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a unit of the H.M.T. Limited at Hassan in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) HMT has no proposal to set up a new unit at Hassan in Karnataka at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Completion of on-going Railway Lines

*580. **SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government to complete the construction of already started new rail lines in the country during 1990-91; and

(b) when the construction of rail lines in Konkan region and Marathwada are planned to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The following sections of new line projects are proposed to be commissioned during the year 1990-91:—

<i>Project</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>. Km</i>
1	2	3
Koraput-Rayagada	Machiliguda-Rayagada	144
Guna-Etawah	Kolaras-Shivpuri	25
	Gwalior-Panihar	23
Kota-Chittaurgarh-Neemach	Chittaurgarh-Neemach	56
Talcher-Sambalpur	Talcher-Angul	18
	Sambalpur-Maneswar	16
Lalabazar-Bhairabi	Jamira-Bhairabi	18
		300

(b) The Konkan Railway line is proposed to be commissioned in five years. Completion of gauge conversion projects in Marathwada region would depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

[Translation]

Platforms at Railway Stations on Trunk Routes

*582. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to construct platforms on all the stations on trunk routes;

(b) if so, the percentage of work done so far in this regard;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out to construct platforms on the remaining stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. Platforms are required to be provided only on

those railway stations which deal with passenger traffic.

(b) All railway stations dealing with passenger traffic have been provided with platforms.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[English]

Acquisition of Aircraft by Madras based firm for Operating Air Taxi Services

*583. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:
SHRI G.S. BASAVRAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras-based firm which is planning air taxi services between a number of south Indian centres and Bombay proposes to acquire some Fokker-27 aircraft for operating air taxi services;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the proposals for obtaining these aircraft; and