

proposal at present for conversion of Veraval-Kodinar MG section to BG.

Foreign investment in Tamil Nadu

6221. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from companies/multinationals abroad for investment in the industrial units in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the particulars regarding the sectors in which the foreign capital is sought to be invested?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). No application from any company/multinational abroad for investment in the industrial units in Tamil Nadu is pending consideration of Government at present. However, apart from the proposals already approved, there are seven applications from Indian Companies for foreign collaboration involving foreign equity participation in respect of Tamil Nadu, for manufacture of the following items:-

1. Drum fitters, drum thickeners, etc.
2. Electric, Mechanical Actuators and Penumatic Actuators.
3. Tannery modernisation and process control equipments.
4. Current Penumatic Transducers.
5. Automotive tyres.
6. Electronic/Intrinsic safety barriers.
7. Paraxylene, Orthoxylene

Benzene and Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA).

Passenger Train From Coochbehar to Howrah

6222. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to frequent disturbances and agitations all the trains originating from Assam and passing through Coochbehar station are not running properly which causes much inconvenience to the people of Coochbehar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a passenger train originating from Coochbehar Station to Howrah/Sealdah via N.J.P. station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Running of trains in Assam area has not been satisfactory due to frequent Bandhs/Agitations.

(b) Presently not possible due to resource constraints.

Parallel B.G. Line Between Guwahati and Dibrugarh

6223. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds have been allocated for the construction of parallel Broad-Gauge Railway line from Guwahati-Lumding-Dimapur-Tinsukhia-Dibrugarh during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, how much and when the project is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (c). Funds

are allocated to the various Railway Projects, approved and included in the Railway Budget on year to year basis. This work has not been approved and included in the Railway Budget 1990-91 and hence no funds have been allocated to it.

(b) Does not arise.

Crash of Helicopters

6224. SHRI R.N. RAKESH
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air accidents involving aircraft and helicopters of national carriers which occurred during the last three years;

(b) the total number of people killed and injured in each accident;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the victims;

(d) the steps being taken to check such air accidents;

(e) the number of accidents in which Report of Inquiry has been submitted and the number which are under considerations; and

(f) the time by which the Inquiry Report of all the accident cases will be submitted to Government.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (f). Since 1987 there have been 14 accidents of aircraft and helicopters of national carriers as follows:

1. Accident to Vayudoot of. 27 at Coocn Bohar on 6.7.87
(No fatality/Serious injuries)
2. Accident to IA B-737 at Bangalore on 1.11.87
(No fatality/Serious injuries)
3. Accident to IA B-737 at Delhi on 19.6.88
(No fatality/serious injuries)
4. Accident to Vayudoot dornier aircraft at Guna on 20.6.88
(No fatality/serious injuries)
5. Accident to PHL helicopter at Sanjichat on 14.7.88
(Fatality: 10)
(Serious injuries: Nil)
6. Accident to IA B-737 aircraft at Baroda on 19.7.88
(No fatality/serious injuries)
7. Accident to PHL Dauphin helicopter near Pondicherry on 12.8.88
(Fatality: 10)
(Serious injuries: Nil)
8. Accidents to Vayudoot aircraft at Aurangabad on 22.9.88
(No. fatality/serious injuries)
9. Accident to IA B-737 at Ahmedabad on 19.10.88
(Fatality: 133)
(Serious injuries: 2)
10. Accident to Vayudoot F-27 aircraft at Gauhati on 19.10.88
(Fatality: 34)
(Serious injuries: Nil)
11. Accident to PHL National Helicopter at Kohima on 7.2.89