

between Mangalore and Bombay via Mangalore-Hassan-Miraj meter gauge line for the benefit of large number of passengers now patronising private tourist buses; and

(b) if so, the problems deterring its introduction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : No, Sir.

(b) Such a train is not likely to be popular as it will involve problems of transshipment and slower speed encountered on the ghat sections where night running is also not permitted.

[*Translation*]

“Deep screening” work in Railways

\*465. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that previously Railway itself used to do the work of “deep screening” in trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that now the contract of this work has been given to private contractors and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the poor quality of screening work done by contractors has resulted in increase in the number of railway accidents;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to get this work done again by railways for the safety of railway passengers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir, Deep Screening of tracks used to be done by Departmental labour.

(b) Where the existing labour with the Railways is not able to cope with the work, it is being given on contract,

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The work is adequately supervised by Railway Staff to ensure safety as well as quality.

[*English*]

Plan allocation for irrigation for M.P. during Sixth Plan

\*466. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the plan allocation for irrigation for Madhya Pradesh during the Sixth Plan and the actual expenditure;

(b) whether Government are considering any major irrigation scheme for Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the World Bank loan assistance has been provided to the medium and major irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : The approved outlay for irrigation sector for the Sixth Plan was Rs. 1047.75 crores while the expected expenditure is of the order of Rs. 945 crores.

(b) & (c) While 24 on-going major irrigation schemes are to continue in the Seventh Plan, new projects are to be considered by the State Government having regard to the approved State Plan outlay and the priorities envisaged in the Seventh Plan.

(d) Yes, Sir, about US \$ 265 million of World Bank assistance for major and medium irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh is available in the Seventh Plan under two credit agreements.

Sharing of Ganga water by India and Bangladesh

\*467. SHRI MANJK REDDY : Will