

selected reaches in Sarda Sahayak Feeder. The work of branches and distribution system is in progress. So, the hon. Member need not have any doubt about it because the major percentage of the work on the project has been completed.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had written a letter to the hon. Minister in which I had mentioned particularly about the Phulpur Parliamentary Constituency which is so badly affected due to seepage of canal water that several villages have been inundated and the water in the wells has been polluted creating drinking water problem. Will the hon. Minister get this surveyed and will he arrange for drainage system in the areas which are prone to water logging ?

[*English*]

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : Sir, the soil survey work undertaken by the Central Ground Water Board has shown—if I give the particular figures in respect of this constituency—that only about 111 hectares of land is prone to water-logging. Soil survey work has also been done in an area of 21.41 lakh hectares in the Sarda Sahayak Command and it has been seen that about 1.59 lakh hectares of area is prone to water-logging from the soil point of view. We have taken steps to see that seepage is stopped by lining the canal.

[*Translation*]

SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, is the hon. Minister aware that in addition to the seepage from the canal water, rain water also causes large scale inundation of the areas which results in damage to the crops ? In Uttar Pradesh, the banks of Ram Ganga Command Canals are flooded due to rain water. Will the Hon. Minister conduct a survey for checking this menace ?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Jakhapura-Banspani Railway Line

*250. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not taking up the construction of the second phase of Jakhapura-Banspani Rail line in Orissa; and

(b) when the work is proposed to be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Non-materialisation of anticipated traffic on Jakhapura-Daitari section, which has already been constructed and opened for traffic.

(b) The Railways have no such proposal at present.

Setting up of IIT in Assam

*251. SHRI ABDUL HAMID : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in Assam ;

(b) whether the proposed Institute would set up at Dhubri or Goalpara in Assam ;

(c) if not, the place where it is proposed to be set up; and

(d) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The final decision about the place for locating the Indian Institute of Technology in Assam is yet to be taken. A

site Selection Committee has visited a number of sites in Assam. The necessary data is being collected. The final decision is likely to be taken in the near future.

Development of Railway Lines/Services in Bihar

*252. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the various proposals sent by Government of Bihar regarding the expansion and improvement of railway lines/services in Bihar ;

(b) the action taken by his Ministry thereon ; and.

(c) the nature and extent of co-operation offered by Government of Bihar, if any, in regard to development of Railways in that State ?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Government of Bihar in their Memorandum submitted to the Railway Convention Committee 1980 had mentioned the following Railway Projects. Action taken on these items has been indicated against each item.

A. NEW LINES

S. No.	Name of the Project	Action taken/remarks
1.	Mandar Hill to Sainthia via Dumka	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
2.	Pipradih to Bhavnathpur and its extension to connect Garhwa Road-Chopan	Line not yet surveyed.
3.	Nirmali to Saraigarh	Line surveyed. Unremunerative.
4.	Rajgir to Gaya	- do -
5.	Ranchi to Korba via Lohardaga	- do -
6.	Parallel BG line between Hajipur and Bachwara.	Line surveyed. Alternative route being developed.
7.	Forbesganj-Thakurganj via Bahadurganj.	Survey has not been carried out.
8.	Ranchi to Giridih via Hazaribagh	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
9.	Deoghar to Dumka	- do -
10.	Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur	- do -
11.	Gaya to Tori via Dobi-Chatra-Malumath	Line not yet surveyed.
12.	Mehsbi to Saharsa	Line surveyed. Project has been found unremunerative.
13.	Dauram-Madhepura to Singheshwarasthan	- do -
14.	Muzaffarpur to Sitamarhi	- do -
15.	Banmankhi to Narpatganj	Line not yet surveyed.