

(b) if so, whether any concrete plan has been chalked out in this regard;

(c) whether any high level team from Malaysia has also visited India recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the talks held between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Arrangements have been made for award of projects by the Malaysian Government to Indian companies on a negotiated basis, against imports of palm oil, natural rubber, tin, diamond roughs, timber etc. from Malaysia. To expand two-way trade, by way of interaction at businessmen level, a Joint Business Cooperation Committee has also been set up.

(c) and (d). Recently Malaysian Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts visited India during 4-12 March, 1989 to know the capabilities of Indian construction companies in the field of design/construction of hydro-power stations and long tunnelling work. It is expected that this will result in award of PROJECTS in Malaysia to Indian companies for execution.

[Translation]

Bhainsatori and Budhna Irrigation Projects of M.P.

*547. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhainsatori and Budhna Irrigation Projects of Guna and Shivpuri districts of Madhya Pradesh sent by the State Government to Union Government are still pending for approval; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these projects will be approved?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Bhainsatori being a minor irrigation project, does not need technical appraisal at the Centre, whereas Budhna Irrigation Project was approved in 1980.

[English]

Pune-Ahmedabad Express

*548. SHRI SAMBAJIRAO KAKADE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received from various railway passenger organisations to change the name of the Pune-Ahmedabad train to "Ahimsa Express";

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) when the proposed Pune-Ahmedabad line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has been taken so far.

(c) The weekly express will run from May, 1989.

Rehabilitation of Sick Units

*549. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA:

SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: