

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The proposal for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG line (185 km) into BG at an estimated cost of Rs. 68.14 crores was sent to the Planning Commission for clearance. The Commission have recently advised its consideration in VIII Plan.

[Translation]

Frequency of Falzabad-Bombay V.T. Express

*693. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum has been received for running the Faizabad-Bombay V.T. Express thrice a week instead of one a week; and

(b) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

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

(b) Presently not found feasible.

[English]

Viability of Narmada Plan

*694. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the viability of the Narmada Valley Project has been challenged once again by reputed experts as reported in the Times of India dated 27 February, 1989 under the caption "Narmada Plan viability doubted",

(b) if so, Government reaction thereto;

and

(c) the steps being taken to make the project economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The doubts as reported in the news paper are not based on facts. The project has already been cleared in October, 1988 after its techno-economic viability was established.

Demand of all India Carriage and Wagon Staff Council, Dhanbad

6401. SHRI R.P. DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 20 February, 1989 has been received by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railways, Dhanbad from All India Carriage and Wagon Staff Council, Dhanbad Division;

(b) if so, the details of the demands contained in the said Memorandum;

(c) the steps taken by the Railway Administration to settle the demands; and

(d) if no, action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) A statement indicating the demands is given below:-

(c) All such grievances received are looked into by concerned authorities and appropriate action taken wherever necessary.

(d) Does not arise.