- (b) if so, the amount of loan applied for; and
- (c) the reaction of Asian Development Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) US \$ 150 Million.
- (c) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) fielded a Fact Finding Mission from 20th May to 3rd June 1995 and subsequently an Appraisal Mission from 21st August to 4th September 1995. The Mission has submitted its Aide Memoire and has recommended a loan of US \$ 150 million for harnessing specific sectors relating to Renewable Sources of Energy. Discussions are being held to finalise the modalities of the loan.

[English]

## Construction of Railway Over-bridge Over Khagra, Kishanganj

397. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of Railway Over-bridge at Khagra, Kishanganj, Bihar on Naitonal Highway No. 31 is under consideration:
  - (b) the year of initiation of the proposal;
  - (c) the present status of the proposal;
  - (d) the reasons for the delay in its implementation;
- (e) the estimated cost of the Road Over-bridge and the proportion in which it is to be shared by various authorities;and
  - (f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) 1979
- (c) General Arrangement Drawing finalised. Estimate is with the State Govt. since July, 1995 for acceptance.
- (d) and (f). Work not yet sanctioned for want of completion of preliminary formalities by State Govt. On completion of

these formalities, the work will be considered for inclusion in Railway's Works Programme. The work is expected to be completed in 2-3 years, after the State Govt. takes up work on approaches.

(e) Total Estimated cost - Rs. 7.57 cr.

Railway's share - Rs. 3.78 cr.

State Govt.'s share - Rs. 3.79 cr.

## Reduction in Bogies

398. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether bogies of some of the trains running through Kerala have been reduced;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken to re-introduce those bogies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir. The loads of 2625/2626 Kerala Express, 2617/2618 Mangala Express and 6525/6526 Bangalore-Kanniyakumari Express have been reduced.

- (b) Due to less traffic offering during lean season.
- (c) During peak seasons like Christmas and Sabarimala occasions, loads of these trains will be augmented.

[Translation]

## Cement factories in Madhya Pradesh

- 399. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minster of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government propose to set up Cement factories in the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the places where these factories are likely to be set up and the estimated cost involved therein;
- (c) whether the State Government has made any request to provide central assistance in this regard; and
  - (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.