

(c) whether a part of the loan has been disbursed and if not, when will it be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) : Recently an agreement has been negotiated with the world Bank for a credit assistance of SDRs. 99.7 million (equivalent to \$ 100 million) and US \$ 200 million loan respectively for the Narmada (Gujarat) River Development—Sardar Sarovar Dam and Power Project and a credit assistance of SDRs. 149.5 million (equivalent to US \$ 150.0 million) for the Narmada (Gujarat) River Development—Water Delivery and Drainage Project.

The IDA credits under the two projects have 50 years repayment period with grace period of 10 years. The credit carries no interest but a service charge of 0.75% p.a. is levied on the disbursed balance and a commitment fee of 0.5% p.a. on the undisbursed balance. The IBRD loan is repayable over a 20 year period, including 5 years' grace period, and carries a 6 monthly variable rate of interest (currently at 9.29%) in addition to a commitment charge of 0.75% p.a. on the undisbursed balance.

The Agreements with IDA and IBRD for the projects have not yet been signed. IDA/IBRD will start disbursing the credit/loan to Government of India after the agreements are signed and the credit/loan declared effective.

**Providing Public Address System In Long Distance Trains and Wireless Service between all the Stations**

737. SHRI G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways had introduced Public address system in vestibuled long distance trains, which was used for playing music and relay of news etc.;

(b) if so, the number and names of the trains which were provided with this

facility and expenditure incurred thereon for the last three years;

(c) whether the public address system has been discontinued in many of these trains and if so, reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to provide the facility of public address system in all vestibuled long distance trains; and

(e) whether Government also propose to provide wireless service between all the Stations to replace/buttruss phone system ?

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

- (b) (i) Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Howrah;  
 (ii) Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Bombay;  
 (iii) Tamil Nudu Express;  
 (iv) Sarvodaya Express;  
 (v) Garib-Nawaj Express; and  
 (vi) Andhra Pradesh Express.

Expenditure incurred during the last three years—Rs. 9.56 lakhs :

(c) Facility provided in the following trains has been discontinued :—

- (i) Tamil Nadu Express;  
 (ii) Sarvodaya Express;  
 (iii) Garib-Nawaj Express; and  
 (iv) Andhra Pradesh Express.

Facility was discontinued for operational reasons and difficulties of maintenance namely (i) the system works satisfactorily only in AC Coaches and such Coaches have to be adjacent to each

other, (ii) the accommodation blocked by equipment and staff for operation and maintenance purposes, reduces the accommodation available for use by passengers and (iii) divergent public opinion, including serious criticism of this facility.

(d) No, Sir. It is proposed to continue to provide the facility in Rajdhani Trains only.

(e) No, Sir.

**Revision of Delhi Transport Corporation Bus Fares**

738. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to revise the fares of Delhi Transport Corporation buses in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) No decision regarding this has been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

**Water Transport Service between Haldia and Patna Via Farakka**

739. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the water transport service between Haldia and Patna via Farakka; and

(b) by what time the project will be completed and water transport service would start on the National Waterway ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) River services by CIWTC are already in operation between Haldia and Farakka. Due to non-completion/commissioning of the navigational lock at Farrakka, the river services could not be extended further upstream of Farakka.

(b) A scheme has been sanctioned for providing river conservancy works, aids to navigation, channel markings establishment of terminals etc. between Haldia and Farakka. A similar scheme for developing the stretch between Farrakka and Patna has been formulated and is under process for sanction. These two schemes are scheduled to be completed in 1986-87. The navigational lock at Farakka, is expected to be commissioned by December, 1985 and as such, river services could be extended further upstream of Farakka thereafter.

**Railway Terminal at Vikhroli**

740. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a plan to have a rail terminal at Vikhroli (Western Railway), Bombay;

(b) the proposed investment towards this project;

(c) whether the Railway Reforms Committee has suggested that the terminal should not be located at Vikhroli;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have taken a final decision on this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) : The acquisition of land for the