

(d) whether Government are contemplating to extend the existing Garwa-Bhawanathpur line 8 k.m. east of Bhawanathpur so that Bhawanathpur and Jadunathpur is linked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There is evidence of lime stone, line, cement, coal, Gypsum, laterite, slag and Pyrites being available in the area for traffic.

(b) Not known.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal for conversion of the narrow gauge line from Dehri-on-Sone to Pipradih into broad gauge and extension thereof upto Giridih.

(d) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

Railway Projects in Karnataka

4441. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway projects pending completion in Karnataka State;

(b) the amount required for the year 1985-86 towards the progress of the above projects;

(c) the amount actually sanctioned for such projects for the year 1985-86;

(d) the reasons for allocation of inadequate funds; and

(e) the time likely to be taken to complete the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Three; viz. Bangalore-Mysore gauge conversion from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge, Chitradurg-Rayadurg new line and Krishnarajpuram-White field doubling.

(b) and (c). It was earlier proposed to allot Rs. 386 lakhs for progress of these works in 1985-86. Due to curtailment of

expected allocations only Rs. 76 lakhs could be finally allotted for these works in 1985-86.

(d) Severe constraint of resources.

(e) The completion of these projects will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Kabini IInd Stage Project in Karnataka

4442. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) when the Kabini IInd Stage work is likely to be taken up in Karnataka State;

(b) is there any provision of financial assistance made by Centre during the Seventh Plan period for this project; and

(c) what would be the requirement of funds to complete the project and the amount proposed to be sanctioned ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The State Government has not reported when they are going to take up this project.

(b) and (c). Centre provides assistance to States in the form of block loans and grants which is not tied to any Sector of development or project. The Draft VII Five Year Plan Document of Karnataka does not indicate any provision for Kabini Stage-II Project. As the Project Report is not yet received from the State, its estimated cost is not available.

Death Rate of Infants

4443. SHRI A. J. V. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths of infants is highest in the country as compared with other countries;

(b) which are the 10 districts in the country with highest and lowest death rate for infants ?