

as per standards on the stations on Kolhapur Miraj Section. Only at Nimsirgaon Tamdalgé halt station, there is no platform shelter, but a waiting hall has been provided. Tea stalls are available at Kolhapur, Jayasinghpur and Hatkanagale while Miraj has a Tea stall and a refreshment room. There is no proposal to augment these facilities at present.

Proposal to Curtail Journey time to Kolhapur-Bombay Mahalaxmi Express

6977. SHRI R.S. MANE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is my proposal under consideration to curtail the journey period of Kolhapur-Bombay Mahalaxmi Express by one hour ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Waterways included for Declaration as National Waterways during Seventh Plan

6978. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the waterways which were recommended by the National Transport Policy Committee for declaration as National Waterways ; and

(b) the names of the waterways which have been included for declaration as National Waterways during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The names of waterways recommended by National Transport Policy Committee for declaration as National Waterway are as follows :

- i) The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System
- ii) The Brahmaputra

iii) The Sunderbans

iv) The Godavari

v) The West Coast Canal

vi) The Mandovi and Zuari rivers and Cumberjua Canal in Goa

vii) The Narmada

viii) The Mahanandi

ix) The Krishna

x) The Tapi

(b) The Working Group set up for finalisation of Seventh Five-Year Plan proposals for development of inland water transport and recommended the consideration of following waterways for declaration as National Waterways in the Seventh Five Year Plan :

i) The Brahmaputra

ii) The Godavari

iii) West Coast Canal (Quilon-Cochin Section)

iv) The Krishna

v) The Sunderbans

In the Seventh Five-Year Plan, a provision of Rs. 5 crores only has been made for declaration of the above waterways as National Waterways. For consideration of any waterway for being declared as National Waterway carrying out of hydrographic surveys and techno-economic feasibility studies is a pre-requisite. These studies involve considerable financial investment. As such it may not be possible to declare all the waterways mentioned above as National Waterway in the Seventh Five-Year Plan. The above waterways will be considered for being declared as National Waterways, on the basis of their merits in order of priority to the extent possible within the financial allocations made.

Improving Nutrition of Tribals

6979. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 700 million in Third World are undernourished as per the World Bank Report ;

(b) if so, whether the new World Bank Report has been examined ;