

[Translation]

**Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore**

3943. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote the 'Astra' programme being launched in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce such programme in other technology institutes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Application of Science and Technology to Rural Areas (ASTRA) programme at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore is supported by the Government of India as well as the Government of Karnataka for specific projects involving Science & Technology applications in rural areas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Chhitauni-Bagha Railway Bridge**

3944. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of Chhitauni-Bagha railway bridge linking Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) whether the work is behind scheduled;

(d) if so, he reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to expedite the construction work of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) 39% upto December, 1992

(b) Estimated cost is Rs. 164.09 crores and outlay expected upto March 1993 is Rs. 55.65 crores.

(c) and (d). The work is progressing as per schedule. However, there has been long delay in taking up this project due to other co-sharers, namely, Governments of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Ministry of Water Resources, not coming forth with their shares.

(e) The work on the guide bunds, approach banks and bridge has been taken up and is being progressed rapidly since it has to be completed in the working season 1992-93 to avoid chances of outflanking/flood damage by the river in the flood season. However, progress of the work will depend on the other co-sharers coming forth with their share of funds in time since the railway has already provided its full share.

[English]

**Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway Line**

3945. SHRI SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Indian Railways and Visakha Steel Plant on construction of Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway Line; and

(b) the income derived by the Railways

during each of the last three years by way of transport of cement and pulverised lime stone, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) The amount of expenditure incurred by the Railways on the construction of

Motumari-Jaggiahpet Railway line is Rs.17,93,33,000/- and the expenditure incurred by Visakha Steel Plant is nil.

(b) The amount of income derived by the Railways during each of the last three years by way of transport of cement and pulverised lime stone is as follows:-

	1990	1991	1992
	(Rupees in lakhs)		
Cement	687.76	690.48	1360.39
Lime Stone	1097.18	165.32	266.89

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#### **Environmental Improvement in Madhya Pradesh**

3946. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any plans from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the cleaning of rivers and environmental improvement of towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). A proposal for the pollution abatement of rivers Ksspra and Khan at estimated cost of Rs. 37.50 crores and Rs.8.46 crores respectively had been received from the Madhya Pradesh Government in January, 1991. Another proposal for environmental improvement of Indore city at an estimated cost of

Rs. 2.63 crores had been received from the Municipal Corporation, Indore in July, 1991. River Khan and Kshipra have been included in the Approach Paper on the proposed National River Action Plan, which is under consideration of the Government. Only those components of the proposal for improvement of Indore city which relate to the pollution abatement of river Khan would be considered under the proposed National River Action Plan subject to the availability of resources and their interse priority.

#### **Education Facilities in U.P. and Madhya Pradesh**

3947. SHRICHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the measures proposed to be taken to give importance to primary education in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for spreading education amongst children especially in rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE