

Centrally sponsored schemes of Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), which aims at generating self-employment and wage employment for the urban poor living below the poverty line under its three components namely, Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE) and Scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation (SHASU). Recently, a new Centrally sponsored scheme, namely, Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) has been launched, which also has employment generation as one of its components.

[English]

#### Survey of Railway Line

3670. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the updated survey for a new line from Chamarajanagar to Methupalayam has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details of the Survey Report and the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). The survey is in progress. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

[Translation]

#### Railway Bridge

3671. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA) :  
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3917 on April 19, 1994 and state :

(a) whether the construction work on Chhitauni-Bagaha railway bridge under North-Eastern Railway is not in progress as per the schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) There has been delay in completion of the project.

(b) The co-sharers viz. Ministry of Water Resources and Governments of UP and Bihar did not come forth with their share of funds in time.

(c) By March 1996 provided the co-sharers comes forth with their remaining share of funds.

[English]

#### Passenger Aircraft

3672. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India, China, South Korea and Singapore have signed a memorandum of understanding to manufacture a medium sized passenger aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of the agreement; and

(c) the main features of the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES) (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) : (a) to (c). A memorandum of understanding was signed in November 1993 by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) with M/s Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. of the Republic of Korea for conducting a feasibility study on manufacture of a medium sized passenger aircraft jointly by India, China, Republic of Korea and Singapore. Thereafter, M/s Daewoo were replaced by M/s Samsung Aerospace as lead partner from the Republic of Korea. HAL has also signed a memorandum of understanding with Aviation Industries of China (AVIC) in August 1995 for conducting a feasibility study on the proposal. The study has not yet commenced.

[Translation]

#### Train Accidents

3673. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take the assistance of foreign companies to minimise the number of train accidents;

(b) whether any negotiations have been held with some countries in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (d). The Ministry of Railways has recently approached the Japanese Government for collaboration to improve safety on Indian Railways. The SNCF (French Railway) has also offered to study the safety system on Indian Railways.