

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided for this purpose during the last two years and during the Eighth Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ARVIND NETAM)

(a) and (b) : Short term loans are provided to the State Governments, including Gujarat, for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately every year. Loan sanctioned to Gujarat during the last two years and during the Eighth Five Year Plan period are given below :—

Year	Plan Period	Loan sanctioned to Gujarat (Rs. in crores)
1991-92	Annual Plan	14.65
1992-93	1st year of the VIIIth Plan	12.70
1993-94	2nd year of the VIIIth Plan	6.85

These loans are provided to help State Government to purchase agricultural inputs namely, fertilisers, seeds and pesticides and make it available to farmers in time.

Artificial Rains

675. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY :
SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take special measures for making artificial rains;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a separate department in the Agriculture Ministry to implement this scheme immediately; and

(c) if so, the time by which the said department is likely to start functioning and the benefits of this department likely to be accrued to farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ARVIND NETAM)

(a) to (c) : Govt. have not taken any decision about making artificial rains in the Country or setting up of any separate organisation for this purpose.

Railway Zones

676. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Railway Zones created during the last three years and the basis thereof;

(b) the present annual turn over of the existing zones, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate S.E. Zone into two, with a new zone in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIL-

WAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA):
(a) No new Railway Zone has been created in the past three years.

(b) The turnover (Traffic Earnings) of the various Zonal Railways in the last three years is as under:—

(Figures in crores of Rs.)

Railways	1990-91	199-92	1992-93
Central	2105.70	2416.40	2700.04
Eastern	1404.43	1538.47	1862.33
Northern	1785.79	2270.79	2702.92
North Eastern	373.47	418.58	428.29
Northeast Frontier	302.83	327.89	347.15
Southern	822.93	918.93	1024.18
South Central	1135.64	1351.08	1528.44
South Eastern	2145.96	2499.95	2930.36
Western	1853.76	2102.22	2485.08

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Docs not arise.

Beach Resort Project

677. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a number of letters from Members of Parliament on the Beach Resort Project on the Puri-Konark Coastline in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE
OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
(SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir. Two Members of Parliament have represented on the adverse environmental impacts of the proposal for setting up of beach resort in the Puri-Konark Coastal stretch.

(c) The State Government has been advised to submit a revised proposal keeping in view the environmental sensitivity of the area.