

to cleanliness on the run during day time have also been provided. However, when any specific complaint is received, the same is investigated and suitable remedial measures are taken.

Railway lines in desert areas of Rajasthan

4704. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 57 dated 17.11.1983 regarding railway lines in Desert Area and state :

(a) whether the Department of Railways is paying special attention to hilly areas especially North East with regard to construction of new railway lines;

(b) whether desert areas, especially of Thar Desert of Rajasthan State which are more underdeveloped and backward as compared to the hilly areas are being neglected by Government;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(d) whether Government will do justice to the desert areas by removing aforesaid disparities and inequalities; and

(e) whether Railway Department will include Bikaner to Kandla via Jaisalmer and Barmer so that Pathankot may be linked to Kandla Port in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Construction of new Railway Lines in the North Eastern Region have been approved on considerations of national integration and for connecting border hill states,

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Following new lines and gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan are in progress :—

New Lines

1. Kota-Chittorgarh-Neemuch.

2. Mathura-Alwar.

Gauge Conversion of MG Lines into BG

1. Suratgarh-Bikaner (Lalgarh).

2. Suratgarh-Anupgarh Conversion to BG has been opened to traffic in March, 1985. Residual works are in progress.

(e) There is no proposal to include its construction in the Seventh Five Year Plan at present.

Overbridge near rajampet Railway Station (Andhra Pradesh)

4705. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with the South Central Railway to construct over-bridge near Rajampet Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, since when it is pending; and

(c) if no such proposal is pending, whether Government are considering to take up construction of the said over-bridge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Railways undertake construction of road over/under bridges in replacement of existing busy level crossings jointly with the State Government on cost-sharing basis. Proposals in this regard are required to be sponsored by the State Government with an undertaking to bear their share of cost. No firm proposal has been received from the State Government so far in this regard.

[Translation]

Water logging at Lucknow Airport

4706. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that water accumulated in the Amausi airport in Lucknow due to the recent rains and the airport was rendered unusable for some days;