

October, 1985, a small Committee consisting of representatives of concerned Ministries/Departments and STUs, is presently working on the details of the proposal.

Inclusion of Orissa Coast Canal in Seventh Plan

4274. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Centre to take over excavation and maintenance of Orissa Coast Canal to utilise it as water transport route;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to include this project in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d). if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d). Based on the recommendations of the Working Group set up for the formulation of proposals relating to inland water transport for inclusion in the Seventh Five-Year Plan (1985-90), a scheme relating to the restoration of the Orissa Coast Canal to its original dimension by dredging as also to carry out repairs of locks to facilitate plying of different sizes of cargo boats had been recommended for inclusion in the Seventh Five-Year Plan under Centrally Sponsored Sector. However, in view of financial constraints, the scheme has not been included in the Seventh Five-Year Plan.

Flyover at Kalsa Road level crossing near Burdwan Railway Junction (West Bengal)

4275. DR. SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board propose to sanction a flyover at the Kalsa Road level crossing near Burdwan Railway Junction (West Bengal);

(b) whether it is a fact that as the level crossing gate at Kalsa Road remains closed for most of the time, people have to face much inconvenience; and

(c) whether it is a fact that construction of a flyover would expedite to the growth of Burdwan town eastward ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This is matter which can be judged by State Government/Local Authority.

[Translation]

Development of a Plant to Check Growth of Cancer Tissues

4276. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the botanists of the Garhwal University have developed a rare species of plant whose root is considered to be helpful in checking the growth of cancer tissues; and

(b) is so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). The Garhwal University has reported that a plant called Podophyllum, locally known as Bankkai can be used as a remedy for Cancer. Field trials for its cultivation are in progress in that University.

[English]

Passenger Amenities at Kiratpur Railway Station

4277. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any appreciable increase in the loading and consequent earning at Kiratpur railway station on Northern Railway;