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| 12. | Kharmnja |
| 13. | Dikring |
| 14. | Rukni |
| 15. | Kollong |
| 16. | Hawaipur lift |
| 17. | Amtring |
| 18. | Modernisation of Jamuna |
| 19. | Improvement of Sukla |
| 20. | Improvement of Longa |
| 21. | Kaldiya |

International Transshipment Terminal at Cochin

2695. SHRI SRI HARI RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of an International Transshipment Terminal at Cochin;

(b) if so, the total cost and time schedule of the completion of the Terminal; and

(c) the main advantage of this terminal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A proposal for the development of a transshipment container terminal at Cochin has been sent by Cochin Port.

(b) A feasibility report of the Project is proposed to be prepared for which the terms of reference are under finalisation. The approximate cost of the Project etc. will be available after the feasibility report has been prepared.

(c) Cochin Port, being favourably located near the main shipping routes will be able to serve as a national container transshipment terminal as well as a main line port for container vessels.

Central Assistance for Development of Minor and Intermediate Ports

2696. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO:
DR. G.S. RAJHANS:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have recently urged Union Government to grant Central Assistance for the development of minor and intermediate ports in their respective States;

(b) if so, the names of such States and how much assistance has been urged by each State for the said task; and

(c) the reaction of Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). The estimated cost of schemes for the development of minor ports as received from various

maritime States is as under:-

	(Rs. in crores)
1. Gujarat	65.24
2. Maharashtra	29.47
3. Karnataka	18.50
4. Kerala	47.94
5. Tamil Nadu	2.75
6. Pondicherry	1.87
7. Andhra Pradesh	50.20
8. Orissa	27.70
9. Goa	4.05
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TOTAL	247.72
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A provision of Rs. 20 crores has been made in the 7th Five Year Plan for improvement/development of two minor ports one each on the West Coast and East Coast. The Ports of Redi in Maharashtra on the West Coast and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh on East Coast have been selected for providing financial assistance out of the provision of Rs. 20 crores in the 7th Plan.

Mineral Development Board

2697. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have recently taken any decision regarding the future of Mineral Development Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. POTEDAR): (a) and (b). It has been decided to wind up the Mineral Development Board.

Construction of New Terminals and Platforms

2698. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are planning to build all terminals and platforms in future suitable for accommodating passenger trains;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed plan to improve train services in the country; and

(c) by which time the same is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The capacity of coaching terminals at Bombay, Howrah and New Delhi is being augmented through remodelling of existing terminals and provision of additional terminals. Necessary schemes in this regard have been taken up in the 1987-88 budget. Decision has also been taken to increase platform lengths to accommodate longer trains.

Utilisation of Funds Allocated for Vocational Studies

2699. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Education has made number of exercises to work out as to how Rs. 50 crore allocated this year for the vocational education is to be utilised;

(b) if so, whether during the month of April, the State Education Ministers also discussed the subject of the vocational stream in schools in 1988; and

(c) if so, what are the main points of the schemes prepared and to what extent these