

(a) whether the matter of additional funds for construction of new railway lines is proposed to be considered at the time of mid-term review of Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, when the review of the Seventh Plan is likely to be done and what are the proposals for additional funds with respect to the construction of new lines in the Western Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) At the time of mid-term review, the allocations of funds for construction of new lines is being examined along with the allocations under all the other plan heads.

(b) The proposals have not been finalised as yet.

Gold found at Singhbhum

3885. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rich gold-bearing zone at Singhbhum in Bihar has proved promising; and

(b) if so, the area spread under the zone and the estimated gold contents and preliminary results of exploration, if any, done so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Occurrences of gold are known in Kunderkocha, Lawa, Maysera, Pahardia, Sausal and Ankua areas of Singhbhum district, out of which the first three areas were worked earlier for gold. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has taken up detailed exploration in Kunderkocha old workings for gold, where the results were found to be comparatively more encouraging. Exploration is still in progress and an assessment of the gold reserves etc. is pos-

sible only when the exploration work is completed.

[*Translation*]

Railway Line from Kalka to Praman

3886. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake survey work for laying railway line from Kalka to Praman; and

(b) if so, by what time?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Spread of Polio in Bihar

3887. DR. C.P. THAKUAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether polio occurred in Bihar in an epidemic form among children in spite of vaccination with polio vaccine; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Union Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Incidence of Poliomyelitis among children immunized against the disease in Bihar has not been reported. In order to reduce the mortality and morbidity caused by Poliomyelitis, and aggressive Immunization Programme has been launched from 1985 in the country and, it is aimed to immunize 85% of the infants in the country by 1990. The quality of service as well as reduction in drop-out rates between successive doses is also ensured to contain the disease.