(a) whether Railway have taken any measures to conserve energy;

(b) if so, whether Railway were achieving greater heights in energy saving; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) and (c). The energy conservation measures adopted or contemplated include setting up of Energy Conservation Committees, better training of drivers, energy audits, monitoring of fuel consumption of individual diesel locomotives through computers, use of fuel efficient kits fitted to diesel locomotives, changes in the design of sub-system of locomotives, light weight coaches, aerodynamic profiling of rolling stock and manufacture of fuel efficient locomotives. As a result of conservation measures taken specific fuel consumption per 1000 gross tonne kilometres, expressed in terms of consumption of coal in kgs., has come down from 43.1 in 1984-85 to 38.7 in 1986-87.

Dredging of Rivers in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab

3447. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started or propose to start dredging of rivers in Delhi, Haryana and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Forest Land required for Irrigation

3448. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions made by Sarkaria Commission regarding the clearance of forest area required for large irrigation/power projects;

(b) the reaction of Union Government to these suggestions; and

(c) whether Government propose to associate central agencies from the beginning of formulation of the project so that adequate measures not only to compensate for the loss of reserved forests but also to improve forest resources could be built into them *ab initio*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c). Report of the Sarkaria Commission is being examined. View on the recommendations would be taken after taking into consideration the views of Parliament, State Governments and Public.

Grants made for Inland Waterways Development Projects

3449. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Central/Centrally Sponsored inland waterways development projects which were started or are under operation since 1987, Statewise along with the grants made in their favour; and

(b) the names of projects which are not likely to be completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Names of Central/Centrally Sponsored inland waterways development projects which were started or are under operation since 1987, statewise along with the funds released are given below:-