

(b) if so, what is the order of investment proposed during the current year on this account, zone-wise, and proposed investment in the Central Zone in particular; and

(c) the estimated man days of employment is likely to be generated as a result of the proposed investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No such decision has been taken so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Construction of railway lines results in direct employment in the project area and also very substantial indirect employment in industries like brick burning, cement and steel, rails and sleepers etc. A railway line also generates employment on long term basis directly for its operation and indirectly by stimulating the economic development of the area served. It is difficult to make a precise assessment of the direct and indirect employment which a railway line may generate during and after its construction.

Government Companies, their paid up Share Capital, Profits and Losses

299. SHRI PARMANAND GOVIND-JIWALA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government companies including their subsidiaries at work as on the 2nd October, 1977 and the aggregate paid up share capital of these companies; and

(b) their profits and losses as on the 2nd October, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) As on 30-9-1977, the number of Government companies (both Central and States) was 712 and their aggregate paid-up capital amounted to Rs. 7314.5 crores.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, the total net profit before taxation of Central Government companies during 1976-77 amounted to Rs. 498.92 crores (provisional) excluding insurance corporations, the National Textile Corporation and its subsidiaries and the companies registered under section 25 of the Companies Act (non-profit making organisations). Similar information in regard to all State Government companies is not yet available.

Improvement of Railway Lines in M.P.

300. SHRI PARMANAND GOVIND-JIWALA:

SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of provisions and technical surveys for the improvement of Railway lines in Madhya Pradesh made and constructed within the last three years;

(b) what was the discounted cash flow return on each survey line and the decisions thereof;

(c) what is the estimated income of the proposed railway line Delhi-Rajthara-Jagdapur via Narayanpur-Kodagaon to be connected to Howrah-Bombay Railway line; and

(d) has any work commenced on the above proposed line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) 19 major schemes for improving the line capacity of existing lines are in progress in Madhya Pradesh. 10 surveys for improving the existing lines and 10 surveys/constructions of new lines, gauge conversions were carried out during the last three years or are in hand at present.

(b) The returns are shown below for surveys of new lines/gauge conversions which were carried out and construction projects which were constructed during the last three years or are in hand at present:

Name of the new/gauge conversion project surveyed	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Return (DCF)	Remarks
1. Conversion of Raipur-Dhambhari narrow gauge section into broad gauge.	8.59 (cost of Survey)	4.9%	Survey completed and reports are under examination.
2. New Broad Gauge line from Dhalli Rajhara to Jagdalpur.	4600.00 (cost of projects)	7.84%	Survey completed and reports are under examination.
3. New line from Mahoba to Khajuraho.	623.00 (cost of project)	6.78%	Project being financially unremunerative, has been shelved.
4. New line from Hirdagarh to Ghoradongri.	1452.00 (cost of project)	7.7%	Under examination.
5. Construction of a new Broad Gauge line from Satna to Beohari via Rewa.	1910.00 (cost of project)	1.5%	Survey carried out for the project revealed that the project will attract very little traffic and will be unremunerative. The project has, therefore, been shelved. Reappraisal made recently for Satna-Rewa portion of the line also revealed that the project is not remunerative. However, final decision will be taken after the reappraisal Report is examined from all angles.
6. Construction of a new Broad Gauge line from Ratlam to Banswara.	Alt. I 2455.00 Alt II 3426.00 (cost of project)	Negative return.	Surveys have recently been completed and the reports are under examination.
7. Construction of a new Broad Gauge line from Ranchi to Korba.	6868.00	2.48%	Survey completed. Reports examined and the project has been shelved as it will attract very little traffic.
8. Construction of a new Broad Gauge line from Indore to Mhow.	313.00	Negative return.	Surveys carried out for the project revealed that the project will attract very little traffic and will be unremunerative. The project, has therefore, been shelved.
9. Survey for conversion of narrow gauge line from Jabalpur to Gondia.			Survey is in progress.
10. Guna to Maksi new B.G. line (193 K ms.)	1051.00		The line has been completed and opened to traffic.

(c) The anticipated financial return of the proposed Dhalli-Rajhara-Jagdarpur railway line via Narayanpur and Kondagaon is 7.84 per cent by DCF method.

(d) No

Ticketless Travel

301. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons found travelling without tickets during the last year;

(b) if so, the number of cases found in each State; and

(c) the names of States where maximum and minimum number of persons were found travelling without tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) During the year 1976-77, 24,46,478 persons were detected travelling without tickets or with improper tickets on the Indian Railways.

(b) and (c). Statistics of ticketless travel are maintained railway-wise and not state-wise. It is, therefore, not possible to furnish the requisite information.

Value of Jobs done by R.D.S.O.

302. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of jobs done by Research, Designs and Standards Organisation for Indian Railways through their service to the Zonal Railways, railway manufacturing workshop, etc. during the last three years; and

(b) the names of parties for whom they worked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Jobs done by the R.D.S.O. for the Zonal Railways, Production Units etc., are of considerable volume and include development of new designs, service engineering, technical consultancy, developmental inspection and improvement or modifications of the existing design, and standards and specifications. The value of these jobs have not been estimated in financial terms. Being an attached office of the Ministry of Railways, the services rendered by it are not charged to the Railways.

(b) Apart from the Zonal Railways, Production Units and other Organisations under the Ministry of Railways, the R.D.S.O. rendered assistance in the form of consultancy and other services to various private/public sector undertakings in the country and a few foreign railways listed in the Statement attached.

Statement

Private Public Sector Undertakings.

1. M/s. Jessops, Calcutta.
2. M/s Bilaspur Spg. Mills, New Delhi.
3. M/s. Trade Corporation, 3-53 Himalaya House, New Delhi.
4. M/s. Indian Dairy Corporation, Baroda.
5. The Defence Research Lab, Hyderabad.
6. The Delhi Milk Scheme, Delhi.
7. RITES, New Delhi.
8. M/s. Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro.
9. M/s. Mangalore Harbour Project, Mangalore.
10. Indian Space Research Organisation.
11. M/s. IFFCO, New Delhi.
12. M/s. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal, Hardwar & Trichai.