

Mankhurd-Panvel Railway Link

3062. SHRI J. S. PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have recommended to the Union Government that the Mankhurd Panvel Railway Link Project, should be taken up on top priority basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Maharashtra Government and a Maharashtra Government undertaking; CIDCO have also recommended to the Central Government to take up the project of Railway link between Kalwa-Washi, (New Bombay), and the CIDCO has proposed to contribute a sum of Rs. 2 crores towards the cost of the same; and

(c) what action Government have taken in connection with these two projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The techno-economic project report for Mankhurd-Belapur Section, Phase I of Mankhurd Railway Link Project, estimated cost Rs. 76 crores has since been recommended by the Ministry of Railways to Planning Commission, who provides funds for such schemes in the Metropolitan cities outside the normal railway plan for their clearance, approval of which is still awaited.

While the above Project Report is pending with the Planning Commission, BMRDA approached the MTP Organisation on behalf of Maharashtra Government to undertake construction of Railway line of 4.7 Kms, from Mankhurd to Thane Creek which forms part of Mankhurd-Belapur section referred to above, proposing to contribute a sum of Rs. 2 crores towards the cost of the same.

Ministry of Railways have held the view that unless the entire project of Mankhurd-Belapur is cleared by the Planning Commission the railways cannot take up part construction as proposed by CIDCO.

Report on implementation of reorientation of Medical Education Scheme

3063. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought reports from various States about the progress made in implementing the re-orientation of medical education scheme (ROME);

(b) if so, the names of the States which have reported to the Centre about the progress made; and

(c) the details of progress made by those States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes.

(b) Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J. & K., Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) Most of the colleges in the States have initiated action in connection with the utilisation of Primary Health Centres for rural training both at under-graduate and internship levels. They have also extended medical care, family planning and other services in the areas covered by the PHCs. Under the Scheme, each institution has been provided with three mobile clinics which are being utilised for providing general medical care in the rural areas.