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6.	Jaldihi Sri S.N. Mohanty	333.275	20.1.87	Working
7.	San-Indupur M/s. Rungts Sons (P) Ltd.	147.100	6.9.85	Working
8.	Kusumdihi M/s. Bonai Industrial Co.	52.176	14.1.81	Working

[Translation]

Bokaro Steel Plant

2996. SHRI SIBU SOREN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up the galvanising unit of Bokaro Steel Plant in Kamasya district of Assam;

(b) whether the Bokaro Steel Plant has capacity to produce the galvanised steel; and

(c) if so, the justification of setting-up of the above unit in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has planned to set up a Galvanising Unit at Dagaon, District Kamrup of Assam.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposed Galvanising Unit with a production capacity of 40,000 tonnes per annum of corrugated/ plain sheets with an investment of around Rs. 42.85 crores has been planned to cater to the demand for these sheets in the North-Eastern Region of the country. This has been found techno-economically viable on the basis of market survey conducted by the consultants.

[English]

Introduction of Express Train between Mayurbhunj and Delhi

2997. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand of the people of Mayurbhunj, Orissa to introduce express trains from Mayurbhunj to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered the demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) No such demand for introduction of a direct train from Mayurbhunj area to Delhi is reported to have been received.

(c) to (e) The proposal has been examined but not found feasible due to operational reasons including lack of a Broad Gauge passenger terminal in Mayurbhunj area.

Creation of Scholarship

2998. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to consider creation of scholarships for Flight Pursers, Aircrew, Flight Dispatchers and Air-hostesses in near future;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government does not have any scheme for providing such scholarships.

Irregularities in Local EMU Trains

2999. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of irregularities in local (EMU) trains in Howrah and Sealdah sections of Eastern and South Eastern Railways, causing serious unrest among daily commuters;

(b) if so, the main cause of late running of trains; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for timely running the local trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The punctuality performance of local EMU is satisfactory. However, the trains do run late sometimes due to equipment failure like unit and other signal failures, Alarm Chain Pulling, miscreant activity and agitation (law and order problem). There are frequent public demonstrations leading to obstruction of tracks or deliberate interference with overhead equipment for non-railway causes.

(c) Punctuality of EMU locals are monitored both at the Divisional and Headquarters level. Instructions have once again been issued to ensure punctual running of trains.

TV Transmitter/AIR Stations, Andhra Pradesh

3000. SHRI VENKATARAMI REDDY ANANTHA :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received from Andhra

Pradesh for setting up, expansion and upgradation of TV transmitter/AIR Stations during 1996-97. till date;

(b) the number of proposals cleared/ pending so far;

(c) whether the Government have also received representation for setting up of an F.M. Radio Station and High Power TV transmitter at District Anantapur and Malabon in district Kannur;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the time by which these projects are likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Requests from various quarters, for setting up, expansion and upgradation of TV and Radio services have been received from time to time. Such request are kept in view, alongwith other factors such as availability of location, infrastructural facilities, resultant coverage and *inter-se* priorities, while finalising the All India Radio/Doordarshan Projects which is a continuous activity.

(c) to (f) Whereas a local radio station already exists in Anantapur, a High Power TV Transmitter at Anantapur is also functional. Besides, a HPT at Kanpur (Cannanore in Malabar area of Kerala) has been envisaged in replacement of the existing Low Power Transmitter. Lead time involved for execution of such a project is about three to four years after the scheme is sanctioned by the competent authority subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and *inter-se* priorities.

Opening of Divisional Office at Gaya

3001. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have seen press reports that appeared in the Hindi '*Hindustan*' from Patna dated January 8, 1997 under the heading "Gaya Men Railway Ka Diveejanal Karyalay Kholne Kee Mang" and in the Hindi '*Aaj*' from Patna dated January 16, 1997 under the heading "Khyati Prapt Shahar Gaya Kee Upechha Ko Mantri Ne Sweekara";

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from Bhartiya Railway Upbhokta Sangh of Gaya as well as State Government during the last two years in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item appeared in Hindi '*Hindustan*' from Patna dated 8.1.97 contains demands for additional trains from Gaya, completion of Line to Bodh Gaya and a Railway Division at Gaya communicated in a petition by Bhartiya Railway Upbhokta Sangh to the Hon'ble Minister for Railways.

The news item in '*Aaj*' from Patna dated 16.1.97 reports the same news with reported agreement of Hon'ble Minister of Veterinary and Dairy Development, Shri Raghubans Prasad Singh with the demands.

(c) The Government has recently received representation regarding, amongst others, setting up of a Divisional Office at Gaya.

(d) New Divisions are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic patterns and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. Taking the various factors into account, the Government has decided to set up eight new divisions at Agra, Pune, Singrauli, Rangiya, Ranchi, Raipur, Guntur and Ahmedabad.

TV Tower, Hargaon, Uttar Pradesh

3002. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on High Power TV transmitter, Hargaon, District Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh has since been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction work for setting up TV tower at many other places in the country where foundation stones were laid is in progress;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(e) the time by which the construction work at Hargaon TV tower is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) implementation of some of the TV transmitter projects for which foundation stones have been laid could not be taken up due to resource constraints.

(e) Since a High Power TV transmitter (HPT) is envisaged to be set up at Lakhimpur, located at an aerial distance of about 25 kms. from Hargaon, setting up of a separate HPT