

THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir. However, Printed Card Tickets were found missing at Bhatani Railway Station.

(b) During a Preventive check on 9.8.1998, 2500 numbers of Printed Card Tickets for different destinations valuing Rs. 3,50,750/- were found missing from the ticket stock at Bhatani Railway Station. The concerned staff have been placed under suspension.

(c) Preventive/Surprise checks are regularly conducted to prevent such irregularities.

[English]

Supply of Pipes to IOC

1885. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL :
SHRI VITHAL TUPE :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of pipes supplied by SAIL to IOC for its 304.1 crore Salaya Vivamagam Koyali Crude Pipe Line project;

(b) whether Indian Oil Corporation has expressed concern over quality slippage and delay in supply of pipes by Steel Authority of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) to (c) A quantity of about 13,400 metric tonnes has been supplied to M/s IOC by SAIL till 4.12.1998 for their Salaya Vivamagam Koyali crude pipe line project against a total order of 20,041 metric tonnes, and for the supply of balance quantity schedules have been worked out in consultation with IOC. M/s IOC has expressed concern about delay in supplies. However, no complaint with regard to quality of pipes supplied has been received by SAIL.

[Translation]

Cut in Strength of Army

1886. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'Thal Sena Mein Aath Aur Divisione Kam Ki Jayangee' appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated October 4, 1998; and

(b) if so, the reasons of reducing forces in Army alongwith its impacts on our defence power and preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to reduce the strength of the Army by eight divisions, as reported in the news-item.

Iron Stock in Steel Plants

1887. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SAHU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the iron stock in tonnes in the stock of various steel plants and their yards alongwith cost thereof;

(b) whether the amount being mobilised by selling the shares;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of loan secured by the steel plants from various banks and other sources and the liabilities to be paid by September, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) The pig iron stock at public sector steel plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) and their stockyards were 219,000 tonnes (as on 30.9.98) and 115673 tonnes (as on 1.12.98) valued at Rs. 127 crores and Rs. 62.1 crores respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The total loans outstanding as on 31.3.98 for SAIL were Rs. 20014.61 crores out of which Rs. 386.05 crores were due for repayment by September, 1998 as per the terms and conditions agreed for the long terms loans. In respect of RINL the total loans outstanding as on 31.3.98 were Rs. 1375.50 crores. The liabilities to be paid to the domestic banks and financial institutions and inter corporate borrowings by September, 1998 stood at Rs. 438.23 crores.

TRYSEM

1888. SHRI ARVIND KAMBLE :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the youths received training under the Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) programme are still in search of employment;

(b) if so, the number of such youths in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) The objective of the TRYSEM programme is to provide basic technical and entrepreneurial skills to rural youth below poverty line to enable them to take up self/wage employment. A quick evaluation of TRYSEM (June-Aug., 93) carried out through reputed research institutions to assess the efficacy of the programme has revealed that 47.19% of the trained youth were unemployed.

(b) The progress towards employment of youth trained under TRYSEM is not being monitored on a continuing basis, however, it is monitored on yearly basis by this Ministry. A statement showing the total number of youth trained and trained youth self/wage employed during the 8th Plan period and the year 1997-98 is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) To promote better linkage of TRYSEM with IRDP, it has been made incumbent on the part of the DRDAs and the training institutions to complete all the formalities for the sanction of loans during the training period itself. Government are contemplating further measures to improve the linkages between training of the rural youth and their self-employment opportunities.

Statement

State-Wise Number of Youth trained under TRYSEM and No. of trained youth Self/Wage employed during VIIIth Plan period and 1997-98

S. No.	State/UTs	VIIIth Plan		1997-98	
		Total No. of Youth Trained	No. of Trained Youth Self/Wage employed	Total No. of Youth Trained	No. of trained Youth Self/Wage employed
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	159279	85621	20850	9708
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4061	2574	698	436
3.	Assam	43839	12597	7302	1370
4.	Bihar	146483	40572	33337	8462
5.	Goa	13177	9881	1769	602
6.	Gujarat	55369	23985	7284	4460
7.	Haryana	24437	14224	1541	852
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5209	7051	857	723
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	13591	996	2252	499
10.	Karnataka	80318	30333	15914	5455
11.	Kerala	29218	23504	3846	2892
12.	Madhya Pradesh	206596	122002	14125	13017
13.	Maharashtra	83097	39864	13843	7458
14.	Manipur	2711	586	836	330
15.	Maghalaya	1368	546	361	117
16.	Mizoram	4618	2154	552	295
17.	Nagaland	2533	1297	832	226

1	2	3	4	5	6
18.	Orissa	66179	50438	14951	8846
19.	Punjab	15925	10885	1656	729
20.	Rajasthan	48227	14384	7381	1454
21.	Sikkim	1569	0	216	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	75255	28641	10972	1307
23.	Tripura	13306	6309	3603	965
24.	Uttar Pradesh	316881	164024	65875	32947
25.	West Bengal	100111	53709	19970	9534
26.	A & N Islands	2050	327	293	13
27.	Daman & Diu	250	17	151	0
28.	D & N Haveli	388	0	82	0
29.	Lakshadweep	58	22	0	0
30.	Pondicherry	1173	855	138	45
All India		1517475	747398	251387	112742

[English]

**Linking of District Headquarters with Capital
by Doubled Rail Line in U.P.**

1889. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Districts in U.P. particularly in backward areas linked with the State Capital by single/double railway lines till date, separately;

(b) the names of districts not linked by rail with the State Capital;

(c) whether the Government propose to link these districts by rail with the State Capital;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Pithoragarh, Almora, Chamoli, Garhwal, Tehriharhwal, Uttarkashi.

(c) There is no proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Constraint of resources.

**Rail Link between Madanappally and
Chikkaballapura**

1890. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide a link railway line to Madanapally from Chikkaballapura (Yelahanka-Bangarpet line); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Progress of Barwadhi-Peermiti Rail Line

1891. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :