

**Sino-India Relations**

\*58. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken further concrete steps to normalise relations with the Peoples Republic of China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Government of India keep under constant review the process of normalising relations with China on the basis of our principles and interests.

(b) Following are some of the steps recently taken by the Government of India in this regard:

(1) As a part of the exploratory dialogue on normalisation of relations, the Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Eric Gonsalves visited Peking in the later half of June and on that occasion he extended an invitation to the Chinese Foreign Minister to visit India.

(2) When Shri Rao Birendra Singh Minister of Agriculture passed through Peking on his way back from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, he called on Mr. Wan Li, one of the Chinese Vice Premiers.

(3) Efforts continue to be made to promote exchanges in such fields as trade, science & technology, culture and sports.

**Jakhapura-Daitari Line**

\*59. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target date of the completion of the first phase of the Railway line from Jakhapura to Daitari is December, 1980;

(b) if so, how far the construction work has progressed so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up second phase of the Railway line from Daitari to Banspani this year if the first phase work is completed before December, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes.

(b) All land have been handed over to the Railway except some portion required for approach roads, level crossing etc. 99 per cent earthwork has been done so far.

All major bridges have been completed and out of 100 minor bridges 4 are under construction and others completed. Progress is 95 per cent.

Construction of station buildings and approach roads and construction of staff quarters is in progress. 96 per cent of the work has been completed.

Permanent way: 14 Kms. have been linked and further work is in progress. The section upto Sukinda has been opened to traffic on 27-7-1980.

Overall progress is 73 per cent.

(c) The proposal to take up the construction work of the second phase from Daitari to Banspani during 1981-82 is under active consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission.

**राजस्थान मे रेल लाईने**

\*60. श्री दौलतराम सारण : क्या रेल मंत्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान के किन-किन स्थानों से नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने की मांग की गई है और किन-किन स्थानों के लिए पिछली सरकार और राज्य सरकार ने नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने का सुझाव दिया था ;