

**Japanese technical know-how for the
Konkan Railway Project**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Japanese technical know-how has been sought for the Indian Railway projects, particularly the underground tunnelling technology for the Konkan project;

(b) if so, the highlights of the proposals being taken up,

(c) what was the outcome of the talks with a Japanese team which had visited India in November 1990; and

(d) whether a joint working group has been set up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS)

(a) to (d) During the 2nd meeting of the Indo-Japan Working Group for Railways held in November, 1990; areas of Indo-Japanese cooperation in various railway fields were identified and taken note of by the Japanese delegation. The fields include Studies for tunnelling in various geo-technical formations including those for Konkan Railways. No Joint Working Group has been set up exclusively for the Konkan Railway Project

**Villages without Drinking Water
facilities**

118 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the number of villages in the country at present and the number of villages, State-wise, which are still without potable water facility;

(b) the steps taken so far and being taken to expedite drinking water facilities in those villages; and

(c) whether Government have any time-bound programme in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH). (a) As per the reports received so far from various States/UTs at present, there are 7328 'No Source' problem villages yet to be provided with safe drinking water facilities. The number of such villages, Statewise, is given in the attached Statement (See below).

(b) 4166 'No Source' problem villages are likely to be covered by 31-3-91 under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme etc

(c) Most of the remaining 3162 problem villages are likely to be covered in the second year of VIII Plan. However, the actual time frame for coverage of hard core problem villages in hilly areas in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab etc. will depend upon the availability of financial resources in VIII Plan, infrastructure, normal time required for completion of schemes etc.

Statement

Number of 'No Source' problem villages

Sl No	State/UTs	Balance as on 1-12-1990
1	Assam	319
2	Bihar	26
3	Gujarat	72
4	Haryana	88
5	Himachal Pradesh	923
6	Jammu & Kashmir	847
7	Madhya Pradesh	109
8.	Meghalaya	1327

Sl. No.	State/UTs.	Balance as on 1-12-190
9.	Maharashtra	98
10.	Mizoram	61
11.	Nagaland	26
12.	Orissa	1297
13.	Punjab	741
14.	Rajasthan	345
15.	Sikkim	3
16.	Tamil Nadu	9
17.	Tripura	130
18.	Uttar Pradesh	907
TOTAL :		7328

Action Plan to eradicate corruption in the Railways

119. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state,

(a) whether Government have initiated any action plan to eradicate corruption in railway services in mass contact areas;

(b) if so, the details of the plan, and

(c) the results achieved till date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The important feature of the action plan to eradicate corruption in railways services in mass contact areas include, on the one hand, intensification of preventive checks, investigation of complaints of corruption and deterrent punishments in proven cases, and educating rail users not to encourage staff indulging in malpractices, on the other. In addition, results achieved are given publicity through the media

(c) the number of vigilance checks has been stepped up by 29 per cent

and 10 per cent. more employees have been booked upto 30 11 1990 as compared to last year. Intensification of vigilance activities itself discourages corrupt practices

Ban on the slaughter of cows and buffaloes

120. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state,

(a) the States where slaughter of milk yielding cows and buffaloes is banned

(b) the States which have not so far imposed the ban together with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to impose the ban in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Proposal for conversion of Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge

121 SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for conversion of several Metre gauge lines into Broad gauge,

(b) if so, how many proposals of them have been accepted so far; and

(c) the grounds on which these proposals were found acceptable?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANSEHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) At present 11 Gauge Conversion Projects are in progress.

(c) On economic, operational and strategic considerations