

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No such demand have been received for construction of new lines from Barabil to different places in Orissa. However, extension of 8183/8184 Tata-Danapur Express & other trains up to Barabil is not found feasible due to operational constraints including lack of spare terminal/maintenance facilities at Barabil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Abandoned rail projects

1921. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are there, as on 31st March, 2006, where the proposals for work were abandoned after incurring expenditure zone and year-wise; and

(b) total quantum of money that remain unproductive due to this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No railway project has been abandoned midway in the recent past. However, Kottayam-Erumeli and Diphu-Karong new lines had been dropped but no work had been done on these projects.

Sign boards of railway stations

1922. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in all the sign boards of railway stations name in Urdu language has also been added;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware that Punjabi is the second language in the State of Haryana;

(c) whether he is aware that people from Punjab also use these trains because Haryana and Punjab are inter-connected; and

(d) whether he would issue orders for also writing the sign boards etc. in Punjabi language in Haryana?