

(d) No, Sir.

Rehabilitation of shipping industry

1748. SHRI M. S. GURUPADAS-WAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to rehabilitate shipping industry as suggested by high level expert group on shipping;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether the industry would be brought within the ambit of Sec. 80CC of the Income Tax Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) An Expert Group set up to formulate and suggest fiscal incentives for attracting capital to the shipping industry has recommended various concessions to be extended to the industry under the provisions of the Indian Income Tax Act including extension of the facilities of section 80 CC. These recommendations have been forwarded to the relevant authorities.

Linking Hazaribagh by rail

1749. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any feasibility study of connecting Hazaribagh in Bihar by railway;

(b) if so, what are the results of that study; and

(c) what is Government's present policy regarding this rail link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Survey for a new B.G. railway line from Ranchi to Giridih via Hazaribagh and Koderma was conducted in 1986. The project was not financially viable. As such, it is not proposed to be taken up.

पटना से गुलजार बाग के निकट पुल

1750. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने का कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्व रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक ने हाल ही में यह घोषणा की है कि पटना में गुलजार बाग के पास महात्मा गांधी सेतु से लगभग सौ गज पूर्व में नये पुल का निर्माण किया जायेगा ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में न्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिधिया) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। पटना के निकट गंगा नदी पर रेल पुल के लिए इंजीनियरी एवं-य.तायात सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है। पुल के स्थल का तकनीकी और परिचालनिक दृष्टि से सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है। जब तक सर्वेक्षण पूरा नहीं हो जाता और रिपोर्ट की जांच नहीं क ली जाती, तब तक आगे कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा सकती।

Pollution of sea by foreign ships

1751. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on our coastal frontier is also used by