

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)

and (b) The Planning Commission have not agreed for the construction of this line.

Grants to Organisations/Institutions Undertaking Social Welfare Work in Adivasi and Tribal Area

341. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken in the areas inhabited by Adivasi and weaker sections in the Districts of Vadodara and Surat of Gujarat and in Union Territory Dadra and Nagar Haveli for the upliftment of social status of women;

(b) the amount spent in these areas and given during the period 1-1-1983 to 31-12-1984 to various institutions and organisations engaged in the said work;

(c) what are the rules, procedures and criteria for giving sanctions, grants and loans to such workers; and

(d) the names and details of organisations and institutions who have been given grants during the period from 1-1-1980 to 31-12-1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as early as possible.

Proposed Railway Lines in Adivasi Areas of Gujarat

342. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from VKPs, Chambers of Commerce and individuals and other organisations of Districts of Vadodara and Surat of Gujarat and Union Territory of Dadara Nagar Haveli regarding rail facilities for Adivasi populations during 1st January, 1980 to 31st December, 1984;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what are the plans/projects for the development of railway lines in these areas during 1985 and 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Several representations have been received from the State Government, M.Ps, and other public bodies for rail facilities in these areas, which include inter-alia, conversions of Ankleshwar-Rajpipla and Pratapnagar-Chota Udepur and Chuchupura-Tankhela N.G. sections into B.G., extension of rail line upto Sahada and rail bridge across Narmada etc. To improve the service for the people living in Surat and Vadodara Districts, line capacity works on existing Virar-Surat-Vadodara section are in progress and some more are planned to be taken up during 1985-86. Due to the severe constraint of resources, and heavy commitments already in hand, there are no proposals for taking up any new gauge conversions or new lines in this area during 1985-86.