

(c) whether the Central Government have any control over such negotiations and agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The expected commodity assistance valued at \$ 105 million relates to US fiscal year 1985 (1 October, 1984 to 30 September 1985).

(b) Food commodities are being provided through three voluntary agencies—CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere), CRS (Catholic Relief Services), and CLUSA (Cooperative League of USA). The break-up is approximately: CARE \$ 66 million; CRS \$ 23 million; and CLUSA \$ 11 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Proposed Karur-Dindigul Tuticorin Railway Line

*80. **SHRI M. KADHARSHA:**
SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the conversion as well as new construction of the proposed Karur-Dindigul-Tuticorin Railway Line;

(b) whether it is a fact that paucity of funds stands in the way of speedy completion of the project; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The progress of construction of a parallel Broad Gauge line between Tirunelveli and Tuticorin via Maniyachchi (60 Kms.) is 48 per cent, while work of construction of the new line has also been started from Karur end and progress between Karur and Dindigul (72.90 Kms.) is 6 per cent. In addition, the work on construc-

tion of a major bridge over Vaigai river (between Dindigul and Madurai) is also in progress.

(b) Yes, Sir. The outlay for this project during 1984-85 is however, substantial.

(c) No target date for the completion of this 324 Kms. project has been fixed so far.

Chata Pathar fly-over at Asansol

236. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Chata Pathar fly-over at Asansol is likely to be completed;

(b) what is its present position; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Chata Pathar fly-over is expected to be completed by June, 1985.

(b) The abutments at both the ends have been completed. The work on girders is in progress.

(c) There has been a minor delay due to using pre-cast girders instead of cast-in-situ girders to avoid detentions to rail traffic on this busy electrified route.

Drinking Water at Howrah Railway Station

237. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the execution of the scheme for supplying filtered drinking water at Howrah Railway Station;

(b) whether the said scheme is likely to fulfil the daily requirement of the station; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to supply filtered Water at the station as per daily requirement?