

the State Government till date. The balance amount will be released after receiving the satisfactory progress report and Utilization Certificate in respect of the amount so far released to the State Government under the said scheme.

**Direct overnight train from Coimbatore to Bengaluru**

\*233. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any representation seeking a direct over-night train from Coimbatore to Bengaluru, besides operation of the new trains announced;
- (b) if so, whether Government will initiate action for direct over-night trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) There are presently seven pairs of Mail/Express between Coimbatore and Bangalore. Representations have been received for introduction of an overnight train service from Coimbatore to Bangalore. These were examined but not found feasible for implementation due to operational constraints. There is no proposal to introduce an overnight train from Coimbatore to Bangalore for the present.

**Special package to farmers of Vidarbha**

\*234. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to give another special package to the farmers to Vidarbha in Maharashtra in view of their continuing suicides;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A rehabilitation package amounting to Rs. 3873.26 crore to mitigate the distress of farmers in six identified farmer suicide prone districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra namely Akola, Wardha, Amravati, Buldana, Wasim and Yavatmal is under implementation. The period for implementation of the non-credit components of the package has been extended up to September 30, 2011. In addition, the