
Electrification of Amritsar-Pathankot rail line

573. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of electrification of Amritsar-Pathankot rail line;

(b) by when the work on this project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the financial allocation made for the project for the year 2010-11 and how much out of that has been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Amritsar-Jalandhar City-Suchipind section is already electrified and work is in progress on Suchipind-Pathankot section.

(b) Electrification of Suchipind (Jalandhar)-Pathankot is a part of Jalandhar-Jammu Tawi-Udhampur electrification project which is planned for completion by March 2013.

(c) Expenditure of Rs. 35.79 Crores was accounted for till December, 2010 as against the allocation of Rs. 75.66 crores for the financial year 2010-11

Policy for bamboo dependent people

574. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
(a) whether representations have been received from North East to evolve a policy for bamboo-dependent people, (living in forest area);
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the steps Government has taken to study and assess the need of some communities dependent on bamboo for their livelihood;
(d) whether any team has visited such communities during the last year;
(e) the steps proposed to interact with NGO’s to further such plans for bamboo dependent people;
(f) whether Government has formulated implementation of Anti Dumping Policy specific to Bamboo products manufactures in China as it is hampering local artisans; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Multi Model Logistics Park in Orissa

575. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for development of Multi Model Logistics Park and container freight stations at Kalinga Nagar, Angul, Jharsuguda, Rourkela and Choudwar in Orissa is pending with Government,
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the State Government of Orissa is pressing for implementation of this proposal; and
(d) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARAT SINGH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) Government of Orissa had approached Ministry of Railways suggesting development of Multi Modal Logistic Parks (MMLPs) near the important industrial clusters like Kalinganagar, Angul, Jharsuguda and Choudwar. Ministry of Railways does not make any investment in development of such MMLPs and its role is limited to providing technical assistance and guidance for development of MMLPs for specific sites.

Setting up of Container Freight Stations is done by industry participants like CONCOR or other private logistics providers based on economic viability and justification.