

(b) and (c) Junagarh Road station is presently connected to Bhubaneswar by 18437/18438 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road Link Express (daily) while connectivity to Durg and Visakhapatnam stations are available from Lanjigarh Road station (situated on mainline) which is about 54 Km from Junagarh Road station. For travelling to Varanasi, passenger of Junagarh Road station may avail change over at Raipur/Bhubaneswar which are presently well connected to Varanasi. However, at present, there is no proposal to introduce trains from Junagarh to Varanasi/Durg/Bhubaneswar/Visakhapatnam due to operational and resource constraints including non-availability of terminal maintenance facilities at Junagarh Road station. However, introduction of trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demand etc.

National policy on electronics

*199. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to market brand India in electronics, Government has decided to set up a mission for creating a mechanism to implement various programmes laid down in the National Policy on Electronics, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposed mission will make the domestic electronic hardware manufacturing segment into a \$400 billion industry by 2020, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Electronics manufacturing is an important part of "Make in India" effort of Government of India and is also the one of the pillars of Digital India programme. The Government earlier notified the National Policy on Electronics (NPE) on 23-11-2012 to promote the country as an electronics hardware manufacturing hub. NPE 2012, *inter-alia*, provides for setting up of a National Electronics Mission (NEM) with industry participation to evolve programmes in pursuit of the laid down policies and also to create Institutional mechanism to advance the implementation of various programmes aimed at achieving the objective enumerated in this policy and to promote India as an Electronics Hardware Manufacturing Hub and suitably market "Brand India" in Electronics.' A draft Cabinet Note was circulated on 01.07.2011 for setting up of NEM. However, the proposal was not agreed by the Planning Commission and the Department of Expenditure.

(b) Does not arise.