

Proposal of Gujarat Government for expanding DPEP

*89. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have approved the proposal of Gujarat Government for expanding District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in principle;

(b) if so, whether the Gujarat Government was to submit the formalities for project preparation;

(c) whether Government have since received the formalities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the proposal of the Government of Gujarat approved in principle has been already conveyed to the State for expansion of DPEP in 6 additional districts, viz. Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Junagarh, Kutch, Sabarkantha and Surendranagar. Of these, Kutch, Sabar-kanlha and Surendranagar are being tied up through external funding. Funding for the programme in remaining three districts is proposed to be met by the Government of Gujarat. The project plans have been appraised and the process to obtain formal sanctions has been initiated.

New Railway Projects for NER

90. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new railway projects formulated by Government for the NER during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of total amount to be spent on these projects, project-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Details of new projects formulated by Government for North-eastern Region during IX Five Year Plan, including the details of amount required for these projects and the steps taken by the Government on each of these projects are given in the statement *see* below. In this context, it may be reiterated that the Ministry of Railways are providing maximum possible support to the North-Eastern Region.