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(d) if so, the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) In order to provide upgraded passenger amenities at stations, Balasore, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Railway Stations have been selected as model stations. More stations will be taken up once the work related to provision of upgraded passenger amenities at the selected stations is completed.

(c) and (d) No such representation has been received.

Incomplete Railway Projects

642. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Railway projects in which Government have invested thousands of crores, are lying incomplete because these projects were not economically viable;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the reasons leading to such huge wastage of Government funds; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. All the projects which have been included in the budget and for which clearance have been obtained are being progressed as per availability of resources. Action for obtaining clearances for those projects which are included in the Budget, subject to clearances, are being processed.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jammu and Poonchh Rail Line

643. SHRI MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for construction of Rail line between Jammu and Poonchh had been done long ago;

(b) whether the Ministry are conscious of the fact that such Rail line is bound to integrate border areas in Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country;

(c) whether the Ministry is working in the direction of commencement of work on this project; and

(d) if so, what is the tentative date of commencement of such work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The survey for construction of broad gauge rail line between Jammu and Poonch was conducted in march* 1999.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Zonal Railway has been advised to update the survey report based on current level of traffic projections. Further consideration for the project would be possible once the updated survey report becomes available.

Tourist-Cum-Recreation Complex at ADRA

644. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of work on new terminals at Santragachhi and Padmapukur;

(b) the amount spent so far;

(c) the present status of terminal contemplated at Bidhan Nagar;

(d) whether any progress has been made for developing Tourist-cum-Recreation complex at Adra and Development of Golf Course for the use of tourists;

(e) if so, the details of the same; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI "DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The work has been sanctioned for Shalimar and Padmapukur and not for Santragachhi-Padmapukur. For Shalimar-Padmapukur work, the papers have been submitted to the State Govt, for acquisition of land. The land is yet to be handed over by the State Govt. No expenditure has been incurred on this project so far as the physical work will start after land acquisition.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(d) and (e) Railways is considering development of 450 hectares of available Railway land at Adra as a tourist spot. M/s RITES, a PSU under Ministry of Railways have been appointed as nodal agency for the work. Market and other studies are in progress. Work will commence after receipt of study report.

(f) Does not arise.