

**Proposal for Running of Vikramshila Express form Sahibganj**

4630. SHRI SIMON MARANDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the engine of 167 Up and 168 Down Patna-Bhagalpur Vikramshila Express is sent every day to Sahibganj from Bhagalpur for over hauling and maintenance:

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start this train from Sahibganj instead of Bhagalpur and if so, when: and

(c) the details of action taken for the development and improvement of Sahibganj railway yard and the station during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir, the engine works other passenger trains in a link before reaching its homing shed at Sahibganj.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Development and improvement of yard :—

(i) TXR office with additional carriage maintenance facilities completed in 89-90.

(ii) Resleeping of line No 1 with concrete sleepers completed in 90-91.

Development and improvement of Railway station :—

(i) Renovation of refreshment room completed in 88-89.

(ii) Passenger information system provided in 88-89.

(iii) Mastic flooring on Up and Dn platforms completed in 89-90.

**Privatisation of Power Generation in Madhya Pradesh**

4631. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise power generation in Madhya Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) No proposal to privatise power generation from M.P. has been received. The Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam Ltd., a Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking, on behalf of MPEB have invited offers from private investors in June, 1990 for pre-qualification in establishment of 3 thermal projects and two hydel power projects. The 3 thermal power projects are Pench (2×210 MW), Sanjay Gandhi Extension of Units (2×210 MW), Korba West (2×210 MW) and the 2 hydel projects are Tawa (1×12 MW) and Maheshwar (10×40 MW). MPEB has informed that out of 45 offers received 11 (eleven) private sector entrepreneurs have been shortlisted for consideration. The M.P. Government is competent to decide about the project schedules.