

Furthermore the high-speed train power lines would, over large stretches, run alongside the existing ENEL power lines, which might create critical levels of electromagnetic waves. Finally, on 28 February 1997 the San Cesareo local authority sent a statement in the form of a letter to the consortium IRICAV UNO, which is carrying out the work, the Prefect of Rome, the Region of Lazio and the Province of Rome, outlining the problem.

In view of all this, can the Commission say:

1. whether it does not consider it necessary to ascertain, in this critical situation, compliance with Directive 85/337/EEC ⁽¹⁾, in particular as regards the involvement of the various levels of local government in the environmental impact assessment procedures;
2. whether, if an infringement is ascertained, the work may be suspended if it has already begun, or whether at least the whole procedure may be reviewed, in order to bring it into line with European legislation?

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3106/97

by Roberta Angelilli (NI) to the Commission

(13 October 1997)

Subject: Rome-Naples high-speed railway line

The construction of the Rome-Naples high-speed railway line, and its disastrous impact on the built-up areas which will be affected (La Rustica, Casal Bertone, Tor Sapienza, Lunghezza) have already been the subject of two questions, E-0508/97 ⁽¹⁾ and E-1412/97 ⁽²⁾.

In reply, the Commission announced its intention of taking appropriate measures to ensure compliance with Directive 85/337/EEC ⁽³⁾ on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. Since proceedings in connection with the construction work are still in progress:

1. Would the Commission state, in as much detail as possible, the measures it has taken or is preparing to take with regard to this matter?
2. What effects might such measures have on current construction plans?
3. What steps will the Commission take if the Italian authorities ignore those measures?

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 186, 18.6.1997, p. 261 and OJ C 391, 23.12.1997, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 45, 10.2.1998, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 175, 5.7.1985, p. 40.

Joint answer

to Written Questions E-3000/97 and E-3106/97

given by Mrs Bjerregaard on behalf of the Commission

(14 November 1997)

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answer to her Written Question E-2351/97 ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 82, 17.3.1998, p. 62.

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WRITTEN QUESTION P-3044/97

by Olivier Dupuis (ARE) to the Commission

(16 September 1997)

Subject: Population transfer to the Chittagong Hill Tracts

The European Parliament's observations on budgetary item B7-301 'Economic cooperation with developing countries in Asia' specify that part of the budget allocated to Bangladesh be assigned to the repatriation of