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#### [Translation]

# Conversions of Jaipur-Lucknow Line into Broad Gauge

73. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to convert the Jaipur-Lucknow metre-guage line into broad-guage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time schedule of the project; and
  - (c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Out of Lucknow-Kanpur section, work is in progress on conversion of Lucknow-Kanpur section. Jaipur-Bandikui and Kanpur-Kasganj sections have been approved in the Action Plan for guage conversions to be taken up during VIII Plan. Rest of the section would be considered in the subsequent phases.

## (c) Does not arise.

# Passenger Facilities at Stations in Bihar

74. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV; SHRI SUKHDEO PASWAN: SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether facilities provided to passengers on the mainstations of Arrah, Aranya and Ranchi in Bihar are inadequate; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### [English]

# Objectives of Council of Social Science and Research

#### SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: 75. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of the Indian Council of Social Sciences and Research set up in 1969 and the number of the Research Institutes attached to it;
- (b) the amount of annual allocation to the ICSSR and the percentage of the allocation spent on the research Institute:
- (c) whether Government have at any time, critically examined the working and utility of the ICSSR and its research centres; and
  - (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH):

- (a) The Indian Council of Social Science research was established primarily for coordination and promotion of social science research in the country. Broadly, its objectives are:
  - financing of Research Projects:
  - ί'n Awarding of Research Fellowships

- (iii) Providing maintenance and development grants to research institutes:
- (iv) International collaboration:
- (v) Publication of selected Social Science literature;
- (vi) Developing centres for documentation service:
- (vii) Organising, sponsoring financing seminars and workshops.

The Council provides financial support to 26 research institutes throughout the country.

- (b) The grant given to ICSSR during 1991-91 was Rs. 283.84 lakhs (Plan) and Rs. 420.78 lakhs (non-Plan). Forty-six per cent of total grants were spent on research institutes.
- (c) and (d) While Government has not appointed any Committee to examine the working and utility of the Council, it has representatives on the council, Planning and Administration committee. Research institutes Committee etc. and keeps itself apprised of its functioning which has generally been satisfactory.

#### [Translation]

### Conversion of Jogbani-Darbhanga Line

76. SHRI SUKHDEO PASWAN: WILL the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to · state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the meter gauge railway line between Jogbni to Darbhanga into broad gauge;