

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Objectives of Council of Social Sci-
ence and Research**

75. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
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 alloca-
tion 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 Sci-
ence research was established primarily for
coordination and promotion of social sci-
ence research in the country. Broadly, its
objectives are:

- (i) financing of Research Projects;
- (ii) Awarding of Research Fellowships

(iii) Providing maintenance and devel-
opment grants to research insti-
tutes;

(iv) International collaboration;

(v) Publication of selected Social Sci-
ence literature;

(vi) Developing centres for documen-
tation 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 gener-
ally 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 Jogbani to Darbhanga into broad
gauge;

- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
 (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no direct rail line existing
 between Jogbani and Darbhanga.

Uneconomic Lines

77: SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
 Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
 to state:

(a) the names of uneconomic railway
 lines; and

(b) the efforts being made to make
 them economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
 MALLIKARJUN): (a) A statement of branch
 lines found uneconomic during 1990-91 is
 attached.

(b) In order to contain losses, the follow-
 ing measures are being taken:

- i) conversion of passenger trains into
 mixed trains;
- ii) Introduction of 'One Engine Sys-
 tem';
- iii) economy in staff
- iv) curbing ticketless travel etc.

STATEMENT

*List of Branch Lines Found Uneconomic
 during 1990-91*

Daund-Baramati

Ait-Konch

Gwalior-Bhind

Dholpur-Tantpur-Sirmutra

Neral-Matheran

Pachora-Jamner

Miraj-Khurduwadi-Latur

Bakhtiyarpur-Rajgir

Bhimgarh-Palasthali

Barasat-Hasnabad

Shantipur-Nabadwipghat

Tinapahar-Rajmahal

Bardhaman-Katwa

Bhagalpur-Mander Hill

Baruipur-Lakshmikanpur

Jamalpur-Monghyr

Sonarpur-Canning

Rohtak-Gohana

Batala-Quadian

Garhi-Harsaru-Farukhnagar

Verka-Derababananak

Pipar-Road-Bilara

Samdari-Munabao

Balotra-Pachpadra

Raikabagh-Pokharan