

(c) Yes Sir. Meetings of the Committee were held on 12th November 1991 and 16th January 1992.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Railway Line from Pandharpur to Kurduwadi**

4024. SHRIRAMNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of broad gauge railway line between Pandharpur and Kurduwadi on Central Railway is under consideration;

(b) if so, since when and the present position of this project; and

(c) the reasons for not taking up this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The work has been included in the Action Plan for gauge conversion drawn by Railways. Work will be taken up in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

[Translation]

#### **New Station in Kota**

4025. SHRI RAM AWADH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a second railway station for Kota city in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Pilferage of Coal in Samastipur Division**

4026 SHRI BHOGENDRAJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale pilferage of coal from the rail engines at Khajauli Sakri, Nirmali, Sharasa, Barauni (Garhara) and particularly at Jainagar station of North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during 1991-92;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check it and to punish the persons responsible therefor; and

(d) the estimated and actual expenditure on coal for the various trains on Samastipur division

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

(b) Does not arise

(c) The following measures are being taken to prevent thefts of coal

1. Intensive beat patrolling in the yards and other vulnerable sections.

2. Crime Intelligence staff is deployed to collect information about thieves and receivers of stolen coal and raids are organised to detect stolen coal.

3. Surprise checks are being conducted in vulnerable sections and bad spots to catch the criminals.