

and/or their dependents.

(f) The safety measures are taken continuously to prevent accidents. Some of the steps taken to prevent such accidents include renewal and rehabilitation of overaged assets like track, bridges, rolling stock, etc. Intensive inspections are carried out of maintenance depots of wagons and locomotives and quality of out-turn from the workshops. Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles is being resorted to identify fractures. Staff in operational categories are given intensive training and their performance is monitored. Drivers are monitored and counselled with regard to their driving techniques.

Doubling of Railway Line

1354. SHRI KESRI LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake doubling of Kanpur-Jhansi railway line keeping in view the increasing traffic on this route ;

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

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b)and(c). Do not arise.

Research Centres

1355. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE

be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research propose to set up some new research centres ;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of States where these research centres are proposed to be set up ;

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether any proposal to set up one such research centre in Rajasthan is also under consideration ;

(e) if so, the place where it is likely to be set up; and

(f) the steps taken in that regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE. (SHRI S. KRISHNA
KUMAR) :

(a)and(b). The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is undertaking research in the country through 44 Institutes, 4 National Bureaux and 21 National Research Centres.

Keeping in view the priorities and thrust areas of the Eighth Plan, the Council has approved 1 new Research Institute and 9 National Research Centres for establishment during the Plan period. A list of these is given in the enclosed statement.