

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Commission has however urged all the State Governments to set up the State Councils of Higher Education as visualised in the National Policy on Education — 1986, in order to achieve co-ordinated planning and development of higher education in each State.

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

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Lines in Madhya Pradesh

7243. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the metre-gauge and narrow-gauge railway lines proposed to be converted into broad-gauge in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the survey has been conducted in this regard and plans and estimates chalked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) (i) Neemuch-Ratlam (133 km) MG to BG.

(ii) Jabalpur-Gondia (228 km) NG to BG.

(b) and (c). The works are included in the Action Plan for Gauge Conversion to be taken up by this Ministry in the 8th Plan. The approx. costs of these works are as under:

Neemuch-Ratlam Rs. 66.5 crores.
Jabalpur-Gondia Rs. 136.8 crores.

Detailed plans, estimate and survey have not been made at this stage.

[*English*]

Subsidy to PDS

7244. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked for subsidy to Public Distribution System during 1991-92; and

(b) the actual amount provided for the purpose during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Food subsidy is paid to Food Corporation of India for reimbursement of (i) the difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and their issue prices viz. consumer subsidy and (ii) carrying cost of buffer stocks. During the year 1991-92 a total amount of Rs. 2,850 crores has been released/paid to the FCI towards food subsidy.

Railway Projects in Bihar

7245. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the railways projects in Bihar taken up before the Seventh Five Year Plan which were under execution or completed during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the date of completion of each such project and the status thereof as on March 31, 1992; and

(c) the original estimated cost and the actual cost of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A statement
giving major railway projects costing over

Rs. 20 crore each, started before the Seventh
Five Year Plan, with their present status, is
attached.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Original estimated cost	Revised cost	Status as on March 31, 1992.
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Samastipur-Darbhanga (Gauge Conversion)	Rs. 4.75 crores	Rs. 43 crore	Project is in progress and expected to be completed by March '95. This remained frozen earlier for want of funds.
2.	Chhitauni-Bagaha (Restoration of line)	Rs. 15.00 crore	Rs. 86 crore	Project is in progress and expected to be completed by 1994-95 subject to provision of funds by co-sharers. The cost of the project is to be shared among the Railways, the Ministry of Water Resources, the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. As funds were not made available by the parties concerned, the project could not progressed.
3.	Kiul-Jamalpur-Bhagalpur section (Doubling)	Rs. 17.00 crore	Rs. 32.00 crore	Project is in advanced stage of completion, and is expected to be completed by end of March 1993.

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1	2	3	4	5
4.	Chandrapura complex (Electrification)	Rs. 14.45 crore	Rs. 37.00 crore	Completed in March 1988.
5.	Sitarampur-Mughalsarai (Electrification)	Rs. 86.63 crore	Rs. 2.40 crore	Project is in progress. It was frozen earlier for want of funds, and is expected to be completed by March, 1997.