

16. Cosmetics
17. Aerosol propellants
18. Plastic Products

The Government is providing publicity to promote the scheme.

#### Research for Agricultural Production

2210. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the research being conducted by our agricultural universities so as to get a better yield from the crops in the country; and

(b) the additional quantity of the foodgrains likely to be produced in the country by the end of 1996 as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Agricultural Universities are pursuing location specific, need based and problem oriented research in the field of Agriculture for generation of varietal and crop management technologies for different agro-ecological situations. The main areas of research are :

1. Evolution of High yielding variety/hybrids in all agri-horticultural crops for irrigated and rainfed ecologies including breeder seed production.
2. Optimization of package of cultivation practices for maximization of yield.
3. Development of productive and economically sustainable Cropping Systems.
4. Appropriate plant protection measures with emphasis on integrated pest management.
5. Soils and Agronomy, Agro-forestry.

(b) According to the all India estimates of foodgrains production, the target for 1995-96 is 192.00 million tonnes.

#### Eco-Development Project

2211. SHRI S.D. N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a project for Eco-Development of seven sites including the Nagarhole National Park has been posed to the World Bank for assistance under the Global Environment Facility.

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating amount of assistance expected for the each site.

(c) whether the World Bank has not approved the above project and desired to talk to the local tribals launching agitation, before clearing the proposed project; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The objective of the Project is to conserve bio-diversity in seven major protected areas by increasing the collaboration between local people and Government managers and decreasing the negative interaction. The total project cost is estimated at US \$ 67 million, of which, US \$ 20 million would come from a Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant, and US \$ 28 million from an International Development Association (IDA) credit. Out of the balance of US \$ 19 million, the share of Government of India and the State Governments will be US \$ 15 million and that of the beneficiaries in the form of labour, will be US \$ 4 million. The expected amount for each of the seven sites to be spent over 5 years is as under:-

S. No.	Name of the site/State	Amount (In million US \$)
1.	Palamau - Bihar	7.93
2.	Gir - Gujarat	7.36
3.	Nagarhole - Karnataka	8.57
4.	Periyar - Kerala	8.74
5.	Pench - Madhya Pradesh	5.86
6.	Ranthambhore - Rajasthan	8.39
7.	Buxa - West. Bengal	7.44

(c) No, Sir. The Project has been negotiated with the World bank. The World Bank has not expressed their intentions to have a dialogue directly with the tribals.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Accident near Varanasi

2212. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a passenger train rammed into a tractor-trolley carrying a wedding party on May 26, 1996 on a railway crossing near Varanasi.

(b) if so, the number of casualties involved therein.

(c) whether the Government propose to launch a comprehensive scheme for manning and mechanising all the level crossings in the country within a specified time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) In this accident, 21 occupants of tractor trolley were killed and 3 injured.

(c) and (d). it has been decided that no new unmanned level crossing will be added and the sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis.

after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Governments who have to invest the initial capital cost.

#### Survey of New Broad-Gauge Line

2213. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the survey regarding gauge

conversion made by the 'RITES' and other Departments of the Ministry during the last three years:

(b) the action proposed to be taken by the Government on the report of the said survey; and

(c) the details of the survey proposed to be made during 1996-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The details of surveys regarding Gauge Conversion made by the RITES and other Departments of the Ministry of Railways during the last three years are as under :-

S.No.	Name of the Survey	Railway/ Zone	Cost of Survey (in thousands of Rs.)	Position
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Updating survey for conversion of Miraj-Latur MG line into BG	Central	1.00	Project approved. Work since taken up.
2.	Reconnaissance Engg. & Traffic Survey for conversion of Gwalior-Shivpurkalan	-do-	20.00	Survey in progress.
3.	Preliminary Engg.-cum-Survey for Conversion of Shantipur-Nabadwip Ghat MG section into BG	Eastern	1.10	Survey Report received. Project shelved.
4.	Preliminary Engg. -cum- Traffic Survey for the Gauge Conversion of Kanpur-Kashganj section and extension of new BG line from Kashganj to Aligarh and Kasganj to Etah	North Eastern	52.31	Survey report under examination of Planning Commission.
5.	Updating Gauge Convesion from MG to BG of Gorakhpur-Nautanwa and construction of Nautanwa-Sonauli BG line	-do-	7.00	Survey report under examination.
6.	Updating survey for new BG line from Sonauli to Bhariahawan	-do-	3.38	Survey report received. Project shelved.
7.	Gauge Conversion from Daraunda to Maharajganj MG line to BG and provision for a new BG line from Maharajganj to Masrakh	-do-	2.52	-do-
8.	Gauge Conversion of Mansi-Farbesganj	-do-	10.00	Mansi-Saharsa (Phase-I) of the project sanctioned.
9.	Reconnaissance preliminary Engg.-Cum-Traffic Survey for conversion of Mansi-Saharsa- Vanmankhi-Katihar	-do-	5.25	Survey in progress.
10.	Survey for Gauge Conversion Between Dhubri-Fakiragram	North East Frontier	60	Survey report under Examination in consultation with Railway.
11.	Survey for Gauge Conversion of Jalpaiguri - Siliguri	-do-	15	Project shelved.