

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

(b) The work is targetted to be completed by December 1994.

Railway Link to Arunachal Pradesh

1938. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the extension of broadgauge line upto Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this work will be started?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Contracts of Stalls to Unemployed Graduates

1939. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give priority to the young unemployed graduates in giving contracts of catering, vending and book-stalls under self-employment policy;

(b) if so, the number of such contracts given on stations in North Eastern region;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any new policy in order to give encouragement to the young unemployed graduates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such requests pending with the Railways including that of Rewari Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As per existing policy all new bookstall contracts have been reserved for unemployed graduates, their co-operatives, associations, etc. and co-operative societies of actual workers and vendors. In case of catering/vending contracts, there is no such reservation for unemployed graduates.

(b) Nine

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to change the policy. Moreover, no such list of pending requests for allotment of contracts is maintained. Only the applications received in response to Railway's advertisement are considered for allotment of contracts.

Conversion of Manmad-Adilabad and Miraj-Latur Lines

1940. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad-Parli Vaijnath upto Adilabad, and Miraj-Latur narrow gauge railway lines into broad gauge; and

(b) when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The progress made in the gauge conversion work is as under:—

<i>Name of the Project</i>	<i>%age progress as on 30-6-91</i>
(1) Conversion of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath (354 km) (work of Phase-I viz. Manmad-Aurangabad (114 km) taken up.	77.4%(Ph. I)
(2) Conversion of Parbhani-Purna, Mudkhed-Adilabad MG to BG & parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed.	17%
(3) Conversion of Miraj-Latur NG to BG is not a sanctioned work.	