

rail link in the Western Railway on the Gauge Conversion programme; and

(b) the time by which the said work is proposed to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat and Salt Department/Govt. of India have both agreed in principle to bear part cost of conversion but their formal consent has not yet been received.

Further decision in the matter will be taken after getting the formal consent.

#### Guwahati Zoo

3223. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the animals in good numbers died of different ailments in Guwahati Zoo, Assam during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry had been instituted for finding the reasons of these deaths;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to check recurrence of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The number of animals that are reported to have died in Guwahati zoo during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are 140, 145 and 89 respectively.

(c) and (d). The cases of death of animals in Guwahati Zoo, was enquired into by a committee constituted by the Dean College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati during the year 1992, and their recommendations are being followed. The causes of death reported to be are fighting injuries, senility, gastroenteritis, tuberculosis, liver infection and mycotic diseases.

(e) Following measures are being taken to curb the situation :

- (i) Chemotherapy against tuberculosis and other diseases,
- (ii) Improvement of hygiene and sanitation measures,
- (iii) Segregation of diseased and disease free animals,
- (iv) Periodic health checking of zoo attendents etc.,
- (v) Quality Control of food and water supply.

#### Length of Rail Line in Kerala

3224. SHRI O. BHARATHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of rail line in Kerala at the time of formation of the State;

(b) the total length of rail line in the State at present; and

(c) whether the proportion of growth is less than that of the other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The total rail route kilometres in Kerala at the time of the formation of the State was 793 kms.

(b) The total route kilometres in the State as on 31.3.1995 is 1053 kms.

(c) No, Sir.

#### Andhra Pradesh Express

3225. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Express has only one A.C. III-T Coach;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce one or two additional A.C. - III-T coaches on A.P. Express so as to adequately accommodate current rush of the passengers; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which action is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Development of New Railway Stations

3226. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are taking steps for the development of new railway stations in the country particularly in Gujarat under the Western Railway till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding making arrangements of benches and water facilities and also to improve the reservation system at the railway stations located in the tribal districts of the country especially in Gujarat; and

(d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Five new railway stations, namely, Devaliya, Sadla, Sukhpur, Indira Nagar and Vondh, have been sanctioned on Western Railway in the State of Gujarat during 1995-96 and 1996-97 at a total estimated cost of Rs. 6.97 crore.