

siderable value of goods, almost upto Rs. 20 crores should come about.

(b) Yes, Sir. A detailed statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3392/64].

Rail Line between Poona and Miraj

218. **Shri H. V. Konjalgi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway line between Poona and Miraj is proposed to be converted into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, when the work is to be started?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) Yes.

(b) The conversion work has already commenced.

D.G. S. & D., Calcutta

219. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken to confirm clerical staff working under the Directorate General, Supplies and Disposals, Calcutta; and

(b) the number of U.D.Cs. and L.D.Cs. who have been confirmed between 1st August, 1964 to 31st October, 1964?

The Minister of Supply and Technical Development in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No.

(b) No Upper Division Clerk/Lower Division Clerk in the Directorate of Supplies and Disposals, Calcutta was confirmed during this period.

Mughalsarai-Kanpur Electric Track

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- Shri R. Barua:
 - Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 - Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 - Shri S. C. Samanta:
 - Shri Subodh Hansda:
 - Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 - Shri B. S. Pandey:
 - Shri M. Rampure:
 - Shri D. D. Mantri:
 - Shri Y. S. Chaudhary:
 - Shri Ram Sewak:
 - Shri P. G. Sen:
 - Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the electrification of the track between Mughalsarai and Kanpur on the Northern Railway and extending it upto Delhi;

(b) the expenditure involved in this conversion; and

(c) the considerations or principles kept in view while introducing electric traction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) The progress of electrification work between Mughalsarai and Kanpur is indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3393/64]. The proposal for extension of electrification up to Delhi in the IV Plan is at present under examination.

(b) The estimated cost of the electrification of Mughalsarai-Kanpur is Rs. 20.09 crores.

(c) Electric traction is planned over heavily congested routes with a high density of traffic where steam traction cannot meet the traffic needs.

Flag Station on Eastern Railway

221. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have postponed the decision of converting the