

Kandla-Bhatinda Line

2143. SHRI DELEEPBHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct railway line from Kandla to Bhatinda;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The work is in progress on gauge conversion between Lalgadh and Merta Road portion of this project. Work on remaining section would be taken up in due course.

[English]

Over-Bridges at level Crossings

2144. SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI CHINMAYANAND
SWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any long term programme for the construction of over-bridges at railway crossings, particularly to check recurring of accidents in various cities of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of railway bridges constructed during the last three years at the very busy railway crossing;

(d) the number of railway crossings where the construction of over-bridges, has been approved and the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLKARJUN): (a) and (b). Railway plan the construction of road over/under bridges in replacement of level crossings for which proposals are sponsored by the concerned State Governments, agreeing to sharing of cost for such works as per rules.

(c) 5 r.o.s. in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) 18 nos. in Uttar Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 69 crores.

(e) Completion time for these bridges will depend on the assignment of priority and allocation of funds for the works on bridge approaches by the Uttar Pradesh State Government.

**Economic Viability of Stations in
Vijayawada Division**

2145. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South-Central Railway has conducted any survey on the economic viability of the Railway Stations in Vijayawada division; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the stations found uneconomical in this division; and

(c) the steps being taken to make these stations viable?