

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the Samastipur-Narkatiaganj railway line into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be implemented?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is not an approved work.

**Express Train from Kiul to Gaya**

1070. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new Express train from Kiul to Gaya in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

**Doubling and Electrification of Secunderabad-Guntur Line**

1071. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for doubling and electrification of the railway line between Secunderabad and Guntur (via) Nalgonda in Andhra Pradesh during the

Eighth Plan Period; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the time frame fixed for the completion of this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Secunderabad – Bibinagar section is already doubled and is being electrified. There is no proposal to double or electrify Bibinagar-Nalgonda-Guntur section during the 8th Plan period.

[*Translation*]

**Expenditure on Mother Child Health Programme**

1072. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on Maternal and Child Health Programme in Araiya, Bihar; and

(b) the target fixed under the programme and the achievements made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

**Felling of Trees in Bheem Bandh Forests**

1073. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Lakhon ke ped roj kut rahai hain, Bheem Bandh Jungle Mein" appearing in the Nav Bharat Times, dated January 21, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and