

(b) if not, at what stage the matter stands now?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) (a) Yes. The proposal has not been found justified

(b) Does not arise

**Renewal of Sealdah-Lalgola Section Track (Eastern Railway)**

3087 SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHRI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the programme of track renewal on the Sealdah-Lalgola section of the Eastern Railway which was taken in hand some time back has been completed so as to permit the running of fast moving Express and Passenger trains over the section up to Lalgola, and

(b) if not, when is the programme expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) The section Sealdah-Ranaghat (74 Kms) is main line section and from Panaghat to Lalgola (152 Kms) is classified as Branch Line. The work of track renewal of this Branch Line has been completed on 38 Kms and is in progress on 69 Kms. The balance length will be programmed for renewals in 1974-75

(b) The work is expected to be completed by 1976-77.

**Law Conference held in Delhi**

3088 SHRI D B CHANDRA GOWDA Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Law Conference was held in Delhi on the 29th December, 1972, and

(b) if so, the points discussed there in and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDEHARY) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Royalty for Crude oil aid to Gujarat during last three years**

3089 SHRI ARVIND PATEL Will the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state the total amount of royalty paid to Gujarat Government during the last three years, year-wise for the crude oil obtained from the oil wells in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DABIR SINGH) The total amount of royalty paid by the ONGC for crude oil to Gujarat Government during the last three years is Rs 107.17 lakhs

The yearwise breakup is as under —

	Rs in lakhs
1969-70	338.16
1970-71	366.16
1971-72	371.85

**Absorption of Panskura-Haldia Railway Project Employees**

3090 SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the work of Panskura-Haldia project since been completed

(b) the number of workers who were engaged for the same and how many of them have since been retained for maintenance work;

(c) how many of them have been absorbed in other permanent Departments and in subsidiary works connected with the said project, and

(d) how many have been retrenched?