

way Minister regarding the completion of Bangalore-Guntakal gauge conversion project and laying of broad gauge lines from Hospet to Goa and from Hubli to Karwar. However, the position in respect of these projects is indicated below:—

(i) *Bangalore-Guntakal Conversion from MG to BG*—The work is already in progress and the overall progress is 45 per cent. The project is targetted to be completed by 1980 subject to availability of funds.

(ii) *Hospet-Miraj Conversion from MG to BG*—Survey for the conversion of Miraj-Londa, Hospet-Murmagao and Alnavar Dandeli sections from MG to BG has been completed. In view of the limited financial resources it is not proposed to take up the project in Vth Plan.

(iii) *Hubli-Karwar BG line*—A fresh appraisal of the traffic prospects on this section has been undertaken taking into account the latest developments, and further decision in regard to the construction of this line will be taken after the appraisal is completed.

इटारसी-कटनी-बीना के बीच 86 अग्र तथा 85 डाउन गाड़ियां चलाने का प्रस्ताव

5875. श्री सुभाष आहूजा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार 86 अग्र तथा 85 डाउन इटारसी-कटनी-बीना एक्सप्रेस रेल गाड़ियों को आमला, इटारसी, कटनी, बीना के बीच चलाने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवते) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

मावली और बड़ी सादड़ी के बीच रात्रि गाड़ी

5876. श्री भानु कुमार शास्त्री : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मावली जंक्शन (उदयपुर, राजस्थान) से बड़ी सादड़ी की ओर जाने वाली रात्रि गाड़ी कोयले की कमी के दिनों में बंद कर दी गयी थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस पिछड़े हुए इलाके को लाभान्वित करने के लिए रात्रि गाड़ी पुनः चालू की जाएगी ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बंडवते) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं । क्योंकि यातायात संबंधी औचित्य नहीं है ।

#### Import of Industrial Alcohol

5877. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether abolition of prohibition is largely responsible for the shortage of industrial alcohol in the country and whether Government propose to import the same from U.S.A. during the current year; and

(b) if so, the quantity of industrial alcohol proposed to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir. No imports of industrial alcohol are proposed from U.S.A. or any other country during the current year.

(b) Does not arise.