लाइनों के झामान परिवर्तन के लिए सर्वेक्षण किये गये हैं झीर सर्वेक्षण रिपोटों पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

## Short Supply of Paraffin Wax to Industrial Units

373. SHRI P. K. DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been short and unsteady supplies of paraffin wax during the last four months and as a result 200-odd industrial units in Delhi are feeling handicapped;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken to help those industrial units which are facing hardships because of short supply of paraffin wax; and
- (c) if so, broad outlines of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND **FERTILIZERS** (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) An allocation of 1148 tonnes of paraffin wax was made in favour of Delhi State for the period January-May 1977. Delhi Administration issued release orders to 193 quota holders upto May 1977 to the corresponding extent. The actual upliftment by various allottees has been in line with the release orders issued by the Delhi Administration. The supplies of paraffin wax to Delhi has been regular and to the extent of allocations made in favour of Delhi Administration. It has been confirmed by Delhi Administration that there has been no hardship to any unit.

(b) and (c). With a view to supplement indigenous availability of paraffin wax, the Import Policy for 1977-78 has been amended to provide for canalised imports of paraffin wax by actual users.

## Conversion of Tuticorin-Dindigui line into Broad Gauge Line

374. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been made for the conversion of the Metre Gauge railway line into broad gauge line between Tuticorin and Dindigul to connect it with Karur in the Tiruchi-Erode Broad gauge section to have a broad gauge link between Tuticorin and Madras;
- (b) if so, whether any further action has been taken on the survey report; and
- (c) if no action has so far been taken, whether speedy action is proposed to be taken for implementing the Scheme in view of the growing importance of Tuticorin as a Major Port?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE)
(a) to (c). A survey was carried out for construction of a new broad gauge railway line from Karur to Dindigul and a parallel B. G. line from Madurai to Dindigul and gauge conversion of the existing metre gauge line from Madurai to Tuticorin. In view of the difficult financial position it has not been found possible to take up the project.

## Construction of Mysore-Calicut Railway Line

375. DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAM-MAD: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether representations have been made for the construction of Mysore-Calicut Railway line; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for the construction of such a railway line?