

[*Translation*]**New Rail Lines and Conversion of Gauge
in Rajasthan during Seventh Plan**

4943. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the length of the rail line in Rajasthan, the second largest State of the country, is much less as compared to that of other States and if so, whether his Ministry will pay special attention towards Rajasthan to bring it to the level of other States ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to lay new rail lines or convert rail lines into broad gauge in Rajasthan during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The route Kms. in Rajasthan compare favourably with most of the large State in the Country.

(b) The following ongoing New line/ conversion projects will continue as works in progress in Rajasthan, during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. Their completion will depend on availability of resources :

	Name	Length	Remarks
NEW LINE	(i) Kota-Chittaurgarh- Neemuch (partly in Madhya Pradesh)	221.76 Kms.	—
	(ii) Mathura-Alwar (partly in Rajasthan)	119.7 Kms.	—
CONVERSION	(i) Suratgarh-Bikaner	182 Kms.	—
	(ii) Delhi-Ahmedabad (partly in Rajasthan)	925 Kms.	Project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission due to severe constraint of resources.

[*English*]**Dharna by Lepers Demanding free Ration**

4944. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was Dharna by Lepers of Delhi demanding free ration ;

(b) what are other demands of the Lepers ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to redress their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration reported that there was a dharna-cum-demonstration by about 100 leprosy patients from Jagat Mata Kusht Asharm, Tilak Nagar outside the office of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration, Delhi.

(b) None from them.

(c) To curb the influx of leprosy patients from other States a policy decision has been taken by Delhi Administration to issue free rations only to those leprosy patients who have come to Delhi prior to 1st January, 1981.