

**Conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur
Line into Broad Gauge**

3609. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted in 1972 in connection with conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur line into broad gauge line ;

(b) if so, whether the conversion of the said line into broad gauge has since been commenced ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and when the conversion work is likely to commence and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal, at present, for conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur metre gauge section into broad gauge, in view of severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand.

Chhitauni Railway Bridge

3610. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of construction of the Chhitauni Railway Bridge in West Champaran District of Bihar, foundation stone of which was laid by the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi in 1974 ; and

(b) when the work of construction of the railway bridge is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Foundation stone for rail line from Chhitauni to Bagaha (28.4 kms), including the bridge across river Gandak, was laid by the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on 22.10.73.

(b) Bagaha Valmikinagar section (9 kms) has been completed and opened to traffic. Commencement and completion of the remaining section, including the bridge, will

depend on availability of resources in Railway sector and payment of increased share of cost by the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for river protection work.

**Carrying Coal through Asansol, Mokamah,
Muzaffarpur and Gorakhpur on broad
gauge rail line**

3611. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for carrying coal through Asansol, Mokamah, Muzaffarpur and Gorakhpur on broad gauge rail line ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Coal for industrial and other consumers located between Barauni-Muzaffarpur-Gorakhpur, is already being carried on the broad gauge line via-Asansol-Mokamah-Muzaffarpur.

**Rail Cum Road Bridge Near
Bhagalpur (Bihar)**

3612. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a rail-cum-road bridge at or near Bhagalpur (Bihar) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu

3613. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to complete the work on Pamban bridge in Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) when the work on the bridge is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) After the original Contractor to whom the work was awarded left it incomplete, the balance work was put to tender and awarded to M/s Gammon India (Pvt.) Ltd. in February, 1984. The work is in progress and the target of completion is February, 1987.

Setting Up of New Hospitals for Treatment of Heart Diseases

3614. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish new hospitals for treatment of heart diseases in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that our doctors are fully competent to cure heart diseases ; and

(c) if so, the number of such doctors and the facilities Government have extended in favour of these doctors to cure heart patients ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration for establishing new hospitals exclusively for treatment of heart diseases. There are a number of hospitals in the country having advanced facilities for cardiac care. The Government extends full co-operation to the hospitals through grant of custom-duty exemption for importing sophisticated equipments which they may require for developing these facilities.

Inadequate Berthing Space in Ports of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin for Incoming Vessels

3615. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate berthing space in some major ports like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin the incoming vessels at those ports do not make any halt ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof per week in the months of October, November and December, 1984 ; and

(c) what remedial steps are proposed to see that adequate berthing space is made available to incoming vessels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decline in Incidence of Malaria

3616. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been progressive decline in the incidence of Malaria in the country ;

(b) if so, the name of the States where the incidence of Malaria has been declined ;

(c) the steps taken to eradicate Malaria from different parts of the country ; and

(d) the programmes proposed to be implemented in the Seventh Plan for that purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The declining trend of malaria has been reported from the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.

(c) and (d) The following specific steps are being taken to control/eradicate the incidence of malaria in the country as a whole.

(i) Every village is visited fortnightly by surveillance workers to detect