

of taking up construction of this line will have to pend till sufficient potential for traffic develops and the resources position improves.

4. Modernisation of Bandel-Katwa section.

Electrification of Railways is a capital extensive work. Electrification Projects are, therefore, taken up by priority on sections with heaviest traffic densities, so as to afford maximum and quickest benefits. The present priorities are to electrify the metropolitan trunk routes and certain other routes important for carrying vital traffic and for ensuring fluidity of movement, it has not yet been feasible to include the Electrification of Bandal Katwa section in the Work Programme of the Railways.

5. Tamluk-Digha Broad Gauge rail line.

This work was included in Railways Budget 1984-85 with the approval of the Planning Commission subject to the proviso that the project will be taken up after receipt and examination of the survey report. The Planning Commission on examination of the Survey Report have however, not cleared this project.

Addition in Route Kilometres of Railway Track

1345. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent there have been addition in the route kilometres of railway track during the last three years;

(b) the number of wagons put on rails during the same period; and

(c) whether any initiative has been taken in the State of Orissa also in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) 134.4 kms of new lines have been added during the period 1981-82 to 1983-84

(b) 45,487 Wagons

(c) There are 3 on-going new line projects in the State of Orissa :-

(i) Jakhapura - Daitari - Banspani (176kms.) New Line-Phase I upto Daitari (33 kms) has already been opened on 22.3.1981.

(ii) Koraput-Rayagada (174 kms) New Line-Phase I upto Machiliguda (19.65kms) is expected to be opened in 1985.86.

(iii) Sambalpur-Talcher (171 kms) New Line :- The work has been taken up in 1984-85.

Railway Catering Corporation

1346. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the fate of the proposed Catering Corporation in the Railways;