

of auto-tyres has been allowed subject to export obligation of 20 times the c.i.f. value of imported machinery over a period of five years vide Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 123-ITC (PN)/88-91 dated 15.5.89, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

(b) and (c). Provisions for import of Fax machines by registered exporters, Export Houses and Trading Houses have been relaxed during the current licensing year, vide Ministry of Commerce Public Notice No. 126-ITC (PN)/88-91, dated 17.5.89, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

Conversion of Baroda-Maharajanj Railway Line

629. SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made as on March 1989 in converting Metre Gauge line into Broad Gauge line of Maharajanj-Baroda Section on North-Eastern Railway;

(b) whether the work on this section is behind the schedule; and

(c) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). There is no MG section Baroda-Maharajanj on N.E. Railway. There is, however, an MG Branch line Duraundha-Maharajanj. Survey for conversion of this line from MG to BG was conducted in 1978. The project was found to be financially unremunerative. The line has already been closed to traffic and there is no proposal for its conversion to B.G.

[English]

Derailment of Frontier Mail near Gangapur

630. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN:
SHRI HET RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bombay-Delhi Amritsar Frontier Mail derailed near Gangapur in Sawai Madhopur district recently;

(b) if so, the number of casualties, if any and the number of persons injured;

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof;

(d) the outcome of the inquiry conducted in this regard; and

(e) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). 11 coaches of 3 Down Bombay-Amritsar Frontier Mail derailed about 16 km from Gangapur City station on 22.6.89. As a result of the accident, 2 persons sustained minor injuries and another 27 trivial injuries. Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 1.65 lakhs. The cause of the accident is being inquired into by a Committee of Senior railway officers.

[Translation]

Fly-over in Shamli

631. CHOWDHRY AKHTAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: