

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). No specific shortage of anti T.B. drugs has come to the notice of the Government.

As regards rise in the prices of anti T.B. drugs, all the anti T.B. drugs are covered under National Health Programme and their prices are fixed by the Government.

Conversion of Bangalore-Mysore Railway Line

2304. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-YAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in gauge conversion of Bangalore-Mysore railway line;

(b) whether the work is behind schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken for expeditious completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 32% work completed?

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A substantially higher sum of Rs. 17 crores has been allotted in the current year for accelerating the progress and an even higher sum of Rs. 27 crores is proposed to be allotted for this project during 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

Speeding of Trains on Delhi-Kanpur Route

2305. SHRI RAMLAL RAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any express train has been provided from Delhi to Kanpur via Balamau-Sitapur-Shahjahanpur;

(b) if so, whether the speed of the train between Sitapur and Shahjahanpur remains very slow;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase the speed of this train between these stations;

(d) whether Government propose to strengthen this weak rail track during 1990-91; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. However, 4047/4048 Delhi-Balamau Express runs via Shahjahanpur and Sitapur.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The maximum speed permissible on Roza-Sitapur section is only 30 kmph.

(d) and (e). It is proposed to strengthen 9.68 Kms. length of track during 1990-91.

Railway Link Between Sitapur, Hardoi and Bahraich

2306. SHRI RAM LAL RAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any long term plan for the expansion of railway lines keeping in view their demand and need;