(b) The reservation quotas at Basti were reduced in some trains due to poor utilisation and, therefore, there is no proposal to increase the same for the present.

Bridge over Level Crossings

4165. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI: SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any longterm programme to construct over-bridges at level crossings in order to avoid frequent rail accidents especially in Alwar (Jaipur) and other big cities in Rajasthan;
- (b) the number of such level crossings on extremely busy railway lines on which over bridges have been constructed during the last three years; and
- (c) the time by which over bridges will be constructed at the remaining level crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) 30 on all the Zonal Railways.
- (c) This would depend on sponsoring firm proposals for the works by the concerned State Governments, availability of funds etc.

[English]

Electrification of Bhagalpur-Mughalsaral Line

4166. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for the electrification of railway line from Bhagalpur to Mughal Sarai Via patna;
- (b) whether any fund has been allotted for this project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Electrification of Kiul-Mughalsarai section is an approved work as a part of electrification of Sitarampur-Mughalsarai section via Patna, which has been deferred and its execution will depend upon availability of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes, there is no proposal to electrify Kiul-Bhagalpur Section.

Wagons for Singareni Collieries.

4167. SHRI SOBHANAFREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Governm in have received requests from the Vijaya re a Thermal Power Station to provide way ons for transportation of coal from Singare is collieries;
- (b) if so, the number of wago s demanded for that purpose and the numb s of wagons actually being provided; and
- (c) the steps being taken to provide adequate number of wagons for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Standing Linkage Committee under the Ministry of Coal has given a linkage of 186 Boxed pr day to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station for the

period October-December, 1991 consisting of 118 Boxes from Singareni and 68 Boxes from Talcher Coalfield. The actual supply has been 188 Boxes a day during October, November and December upto 10.12.1991. The coal offered in Singareni Coalfields is being loaded by the Railways in full.

Guidelines for Ansesthesia Application

4168. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

- (a) whether an expert committee has been constituted to formulate standards and guidelines to ensure safety of patients when put under anesthesia; and
 - (b) if so, the details of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Line between Farrukhabad and Gola

4169. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey was conducted for laying a railway line between Farrukhabad and Gola via Shahjahanpur;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be started thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The survey was conducted in 1977, the cost of the 153.32 km line was then assessed at Rs. 24.57 crores with a negative rate of return. As the work was unremunerative and Railways are facing a resource crunch, it has not been found possible to take up the work.

[English]

Recruitment for Vacant Posts

4170. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:

PROF. SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are large number of vacancies in the various department of Railways for long time;
- (b) the reasons for not filling those vacancies within reasonable period;
- (c) the scheme proposed to improve the working of the Railway Recruitment Boards for quick recruitment;
- (d) whether the workers are being rendered surplus due to computerisation of railway sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to absorb them in other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Vacancies arise due to various reasons like staff demitting service, resignation, death etc. The occurrence of vacancies and filling up is a continuous process and hence at any given point of time, there will always be few vacancies to be filled up.