ready issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

[*English*]

Conversion of Mangalore-Hassan-Arsikere Railway Line

979. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received any representations from the public for conversion of Mangalore-Hassan-Arsikere metregaguge line into broad-guage; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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

(b) Conversion of Arisikere-Hassan_Mangalore MG to BG has already been included in the Action Plan drawn by the Railways.

Express Train from Bokaro to Howrah

980. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce a direct Express train from Bokaro to Howrah via Tupkadi-Talgoria;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints and lack of commercial justification.

Import of Wheat

981. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
       SHRI R. DHANUSKODI
         ATHITHAN:
       DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
       SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
       SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
       SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
       SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN
         SINGH:
       SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
       KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:
       SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
         GAVIT:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether short fall of food grains(wheat rice and pulses) are anticipated during the year 1991- 93;

(b) the estimated stock of foodgrains in the country as on date, the estimated production during 1992- 93 and the estimated demand during that year including the requirement of the Public distribution System;

(c) whether the Government propose to import wheat to agument the supply during the year;

(d) if so, the quantity thereof and the estimated landed cost per metric ton;

(e) the countries from where wheat is proposed to be imported; and