

**Conversion of Jayanagar-Janakpur
Railway Lines (in Nepal)**

8. SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any agreement for conversion of Jayanagar-Janakpur railway line connecting Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time scheduled for conversion of the line; and

(c) the other agreements for construction or conversion of railway line in Nepal that have been arrived at and the schedule of their implementation?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There has been no such agreement till now.

Energy Conservation

9. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are taking assistance from any research Institute in conservation of energy measures;

(b) if so, the name of such institute, the nature and extent of its contribution in this regard; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred by the Railways for taking the assistance of the institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). In their efforts

to conserve energy, the Railways consult educational, research and other institutions undertaking energy conservation and management studies. Such inter-action is recommendatory/advisory in nature and the expenditure to be incurred would depend upon the work content.

**Upgradation of Lumding - Badarpur
Section**

10. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for upgradation of Lumding Badarpur section for handling more goods as well as passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) The line capacity is proposed to be increase substantially by doubling the stretch between Migrendisa and Ditokcherra at a cost of Rs. 132.50 crores.

[*Translation*]

Bakhtiyarpur - Rajgir Railway Line

12. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend Bakhtiyarpur -Rajgir broad gauge line under Eastern Railway to Bodh Gaya via Manpur to provide traveling facilities to Buddhist visitors; and

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