

decision any action plan has been prepared or is proposed to be prepared for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi and Nuapada-Gunupur railway lines in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Indian Railways have drawn an Action Plan under which MG and NG lines will be selectively converted to BG to move towards unigauge on the system.

(b) and (c). Rupsa-Bangriposi section is included in Phase-I of the Action Plan. Nuapada-Gunupur section will be considered for inclusion in the next phase.

#### Introduction of More Rajdhani Expresses

78. SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-  
THALA:  
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:  
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHE-  
RHJEE:  
SHRI LOKANATH  
CHOUDHURY:  
SHRI YAIMA SINGH  
YUMNAN:  
SHRI DHARMANNA  
MONDAYYA SADUL:  
SHRIMATI SUSEELA  
GOPALAN:  
DR. SUDHIR RAY:  
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:  
SHRI THAYIL JHON  
ANJHALOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to run a few more Rajdhani Expresses in addition to two already operating between New Delhi-Howrah and New Delhi-Bombay;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cities and important places likely to be linked by these Expresses and when these are to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A weekly Rajdhani Express has been introduced between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Secunderabad/Bangalore w.e.f. 1.11.1992. It is proposed to introduce a weekly Rajdhani Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Madras for which plans are being finalised. This will line New Delhi, Bhopal, Nagpur and Madras.

#### Railway Project in Gujarat

76. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Railway projects in Gujarat which had been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan, but have not been completed so far;

(b) the present status of each of these projects;

(c) the tentative date of completion of each project and the estimated cost thereof; and

(d) the names of the projects which are likely to be launched during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the estimated cost thereof in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Godhra-Dahod-Indore & Dewas-Maksi (316 Km, 81 km in Gujarat),

(b) The work is in Progress on Dewas-Maksi section and the progress is 21%.