

Conversion of Metre Gauge Track in Mysore

87. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government have taken up the conversion of four kilometre stretch of metre gauge track between Mysore Railway Station and Railway Workshop at Ashokapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount required therefor; 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) The depends upon the decision to undertake BG periodic overhaul work at Mysore workshop

Depletion of Buffer Stock of Foodgrains

88. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESHWARLU: SHRI V. DHANAJAYA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the buffer stock of foodgrains during 1992 has been depleted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of buffer stocks of foodgrains during the last three years; and

(d) the contemplated stocks during 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir. The stocks of wheat and rice in the Central Pool were 93.15 lakh tonnes on 1.10. 1992 as compared to 148/80 lakh tonnes on the same date last year.

(b) the shortfall in stocks of foodgrains (wheat and rice) is mainly what stocks due to shortfall in its procurement during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and increased allocation and offtoka of rice and wheat for PDS during 1991-92 and open sale of wheat by Food Corporation of India to curb the price rise.

(c) and (d). The stock position of Rice and wheat in the Central Pool during the last three years and in 1992 has been as under: (Lakh tonnes)

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Rice</i> | <i>Wheat</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.10. 1989 | 15.37 | 75.68 | 91..05 |
| 1.10.1990 | 43.60 | 115.71 | 159.31 |
| 1.10. 1991 | 64.89 | 83.91 | 148.80* |
| 1.10.1992 | 50.62 | 42.53 | 93.15* |

* provisional subject to reconciliation