

[English]

**Foreign Coaches for Training
Atheletes**

172. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVLOMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign choaches employed for training atheletes and other sportsmen in India; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on this account so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Fourteen Coaches from China, erstwhile USSR and Cuba in the disciplines of Badminton, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Swimming, Diving, Wrestling (Greco-Roman), Cycling, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing and Volleyball are currently with Sports Authority of India for training atheletes and sportsmen in India.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 38.50 lakhs has been incurred on these coaches during the current financial year upto September, 1992.

**Conversion of Miraj- Latur
Railway Line**

173. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for conversion of Miraj-Latur railway line into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether there is any plan to connect

Atpadi Town (Sangli district) with this line to facilitate the public of that area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The work has been included in the Action Plan of "Project Unigauge" of the Indian Railways on consideration of development of the area.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Atpadi is not on the existing alignment. Providing a link by construction of new line is not feasible at present due to constraint of resources.

[Translation]

**Diesel Locomotives on Electrified
Routes**

174. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy decision to stop running of diesel locomotives on electrified routes even for shunting purpose; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far on this regard?

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

(b) Does not arise.