

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Survey for restoration of Kakinda-Kotapalli railway line was carried out in 1987. The cost of 44 kms. long length of new BG line was then estimated at Rs. 22.5 crores with a rate of return of 6.56%.

(c) Updating of the earlier survey has been included in the Budget of 1993-94. Further action will depend on the results of the updated a survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Karur-Salem Rail Link

1132. SHRI N. MURUGESAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct new broad gauge railway line between Kuar and Salem via Mamakkal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the project is likely to be approved?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Fertilizer to Bihar

1133. SHRI SHRYANARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilizers allocated to Bihar by the Union Government for the current Rabi crop season;

(b) whether the allocated quantity is sufficient to meet the requirement of Bihar;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to supply more fertilizers to Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) 5/30 lakh tonnes of urea was allocated to Bihar during Rabi 92-93 season. Allocation of Phosphatic and potassic fertilise has been discontinued from 25.8.92, as these fertilise have been decontrolled.

(b) to (d). Against an allocation of 5.30 lakh tonnes, 4.75 lakh tonnes were made available to the State up to 10th February, 93 and the sales reported by manufacturers were 4.12 lakh tonnes. Further quantities of urea are being moved to Bihar against allocation.

[*English*]

Maintenance of Books at National Library, Calcutta

1134. SHRIMATIBIBHUKUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether valuable books at the National Library of Calcutta are not being maintained properly and valuable material has been damaged as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the amount sanctioned to the Library for purchase of books and their maintenance during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the amount utilised in each year.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN