

Work on all these projects has been started. Work on Parbhani-Parli Vajinath (63 kms.) and Aurangabad-Jalna (64 kms.) has been completed in 1992-93 and Jana-Parbhani-Purna (144 kms.) and Gondia-Wadsa (104 kms.) are targetted for completion during 1993-94.

(d) and (e). In addition to the lines mentioned in the reply at (b) & (c) above, Government of Maharashtra has recommended giving priority to Sholapur-Bijapur conversion from MG to BG. This work has been included in the Action Plan and would be taken up when some of the on-going projects are completed.

Wagons for Gujarat

3028. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has asked for more than 500 special types of wagons for fast unloading of coal for the industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Adult Education

3029. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Adult Education Programme in the Capital is suffering due to prolonged delays in release of allocated funds and supply of basic teaching and learning equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to make the programme effective?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Nevertheless, steps are being taken by Delhi Administration to further streamline the procedure.

Accidents between Vijayawada and Ongole Sections

3030. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of accidents/derailments is increasing between Vijayawada-Ongole sections of South Central Railway

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number and details of these accident/derailments during the last one year; and

(d) the preventive measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Six accidents, including one collision and five derailments occurred on Vijayawada-Ongole section on South Central Railway during the period

January to December, 1992 as against two accidents, both derailments, that occurred during the period January to December, 1991.

The causes of six accidents have been identified as under:

- (i) Failure of 'Permanent Way' staff : 2
- (ii) Negligence of driver : 1
- (iii) Failure of track equipment : 2
- (iv) Incidental : 1

(d) The following measures are being taken to eliminate accidents:-

- (i) Intensive work of through welding on this section is undertaken to improve the track structure.
- (ii) Renewals and repairs of the rails and sleepers on the section is accelerated.
- (iii) Additional track machines are being deployed for improved maintenance of the track on the section.
- (iv) Counselling and monitoring of the drivers and other staff of safety categories has been intensified.
- (v) Random check of drivers by breathalyser is also undertaken.
- (vi) Intensive inspections of track, telecom gears and maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives are conducted.
- (vii) Ultrasonic testing of rails and axles is being resorted to identify fractures.

[*Translation*]

Railway Line in Backward Areas

3031. SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR:
SHRI KESRI LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme for extension of railway line to backward areas not connected by rail so far during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Death of Rhinos

3032 SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian rhinos died during the last three years in different zoological parks in the country and reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry from time to time in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent avoidable lossess of these numbered animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Zoos