

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:

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| (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

have been functioning under the jurisdiction of state/local authorities and there has been no Central data collection system about the number and species of animals maintained/obtained by them. With the setting up of the Central Zoo Authority, a central data collection system is envisaged and information in the manner asked for is expected to be available once the system become operational.

(b) and (c). Normally enquiries in deaths of Zoo animals are conducted by Zoo authorities themselves to ascertain causes of death and to take preventive measures where called for. In the case of the death of two Rhinos in the National Zoological Park, Delhi the post-mortem was conducted by the Asstt. Veterinary Officer and samples were sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar for additional information. Reports available indicate absence of toxicity. The deaths have been diagnosed as due to gastro enteritis.

(d) The Government has amended the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 in 1991 to bring the zoos and their functioning within the purview of the Act. A Central Zoo Authority has been established to ensure that the quality of management of the zoos, upkeep and health of animals in their custody, veterinary care and other related aspects of keeping a healthy stock of wild animals in captivity are of high standards. The Act also provides for derecognition and closure of the zoos that do not maintain such standards. The main thrust of these measures is no prevention of avoidable losses in zoo animals.

[*Translation*]

Extension of Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur Railway Line

3033. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur broad gauge railway line has been terminated at Durgapura instead of Jaipur Main;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which this line is likely to be extended upto Jaipur Main?

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

(b) Gauge conversion of Jaipur-Rewari and Jaipur-Phulera is scheduled to be completed in 93-94. Since bringing broad gauge into Jaipur from any one side would require major yard re-modeling, it has been decided to carry out this work in one go when B.G. can come in from all these 3 sides to avoid infructuous work and prevent disruption to traffic and consequent inconvenience to passengers at Jaipur Railway Station.

(c) The Board Gauge lines from Durgapura, Phulera and Rewari are expected to reach Jaipur Main railway station by March 1994.

Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur

3034. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur (CAZRI) is functioning;

(b) the total amount spent on this institute during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this institute during the eighth Five Year Plan to expedite its programme?