

Railway Line between Darbhanga Jainagar

1242. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for laying railway lines in border area of Nepal keeping in view the public convenience and trade;

(b) whether there is also any proposal for laying broad gauge railway line from Darbhanga to Jainagar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) and (c). Railways have formulated an Action Plan for converting narrow/metre gauge lines into broad gauge. In the first phase, lines required urgently on strategic/operational considerations have been taken up. Darbhanga-Jaynagar will be considered for conversion in the subsequent phases of the Action Plan.

[English]

Gauge Conversion of Mangalore- Arsikere Railway Line

1243. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the broadgauge conversion work between Arsikere and Mangalore;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project and funds allocated during 1993-94;

(c) whether the work has been started;

(d) if not, when it is likely to be started; and

(e) the time schedule fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (e). Mangalore-Arsikere section is included in the Action Plan under Project Unigauge, which is being implemented in a phased manner due to limited availability of resources. The approximate cost of this work will be Rs. 176.25 crores. Work will be taken up in the coming years and progressed to completion as per availability of resources.

Giridih-Ranchi Railway Line

1244. SHRII MUHIRAM SAIKIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new broad gauge railway line from Giridih to Ranchi via Kodarma-Hazaribagh Town has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details regarding estimated cost, funds allocated during 1993-94 and the progress made so far; and

(c) the time schedule fixed for its completion?

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

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

Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome

1245. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether the State Government of