

up in 1951-52. Subsequently, South-Eastern Railway was set up in 1955, Northeast-Frontier Railway in 1958 and South-Central Railway in 1966.

(b) Railway Zones/Divisions are set-up taking into consideration the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and other operational requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(c) A final decision had not been taken; the matter relating to creation/reorganisation of zones is under study and examination.

Replacement of Coaches

5885. SHRI SATYNARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the position of old coaches in passenger trains running between Ratlam-Ujjain-Guna and in the trains starting from the terminating at Ujjain and Indore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to replace old coaches in trains on the above routes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Coaches running on trains in these areas are not due for replacement. However coaches of younger vintage are generally used on important Mail/Express trains.

(b) and (c). Replacement of old coaches based on age, condition and economics of repair is a continuing process. Coaches are replaced as and when considered necessary.

[English]

Production of Sugar

5886. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fair amount of sugar cane was diverted to the production of gur and khandsari;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its likely impact on sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The sugarcane production during the current 1993-94 sugar season is estimated to be 2308.64 lakh tonnes as compared to 2398.32 lakh tonnes during the previous 1992-93 sugar season. The sugar production during 1992-93 sugar season (October-September) was 106.09 lakh tonnes whereas the present trend of sugar production during the current 1993-94 sugar season shows that the total sugar production will be much lower than the level of 1992-93 season's sugar production. This decreasing trend in sugar production shows that there has been heavy diversion of sugarcane to Gur and Khandsari Sectors.

[Translation]

Railway lines

5887. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to provide more Railway

lines in Bihar, especially in northern Bihar, during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: The works of restoration of Chittauni-Bagaha railway line, and gauge conversion of Chhapra-Aunrihar. Samastipur-Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj and Sagauli-Raxaul in Northern Bihar are making good progress. Project report for Dumka-Mandarhill new line has been sent in Planning Commission for their approval. Surveys for new line from Ranchi-Hazaribagh-Gaya and for doubling of Patna-Gaya and for gauge conversion of Maharajganj-Daraunda with extension upto Mashrakh have been taken up.

Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh

5888. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE:
DR. RAMKRISHNA KUS-MARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway projects in Madhya Pradesh including the projects regarding conversion of metre-gauge lines into broad-gauge lines, which are under construction, but not likely to be completed in time; and

(b) the names of projects the completion period of which was extended previously also or whose construction work was affected due to financial constraints?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The projects which are under construction in

Madhya Pradesh and not likely to be completed in time are:-

(i) Guna-Etawah new rail line.

(ii) Indore-Dahod and Dewas-Maksi new rail line.

(b) The name of project whose construction was affected due to financial constraints in the past is Satna-Rewa new rail line.

[English]

Palm Oil

5889. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of palm oil supplied to Maharashtra under public distribution system in recent months was found defective;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof; and

(c) the estimated amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

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

Toy Trains

5890. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: