

[English]

**Conversion of Railway Lines in
Andhra Pradesh**

20. SHRIDATTATRAYABANDARU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for gauge conversion between Secunderabad and Kurnool and between Narasaraopet and Dronachalam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) If so, the steps taken to implement the said proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Secunderabad to Mehboobnagar and Narsaraopet to Donakonda sections have been converted in 93-94 and work in progress between Mehboobnagar and Kurnool and between Donakonda and Dronachalam.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Holiday Special

21. SHRI DARRA MEGHE:
SHRI VILASRAO
N A G N A T H R A O
GUNDEWAR:

Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been

received to introduce a Holiday special between Kolhapur and Nagpur in Maharashtra during Deepawali and Summer vacations; and

(b) if so, the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) and (b) No, sir. however, close watch on the traffic on this sector during depawali and summer vacation will be kept to meet additional demand as when it arises.

Mines in Forest Land

22. SHRI PREM CHAND RAM: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Bihar for according approval to extract stones from the traditional mines in forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) To formal proposal has been received from Bihar State Government seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of forest land to extract stones from the traditional mines in forest land.

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