

(b) Around 5181 staff have been rendered surplus on account of condemnation of steam locomotives during the current financial year (93-94) up to December, 1993.

(c) Besides the 5181 staff rendered surplus in the current financial year, 4071 surplus staff were awaiting redeployment as on 1-4-1993. Out of this total of 9252 surplus staff, 5806 staff have been redeployed up to December, 1993.

Sugar Mills

167. DR. AMRITLAL KALIDAS PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of sugar mills lying closed in Gujarat till date;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for assistance to restart these mills; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance released and the time by which these mills are likely to be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The following four sugar mills in Gujarat State have not reported production during the current sugar season till date:

- (1) Shree Sardar vallabhbbhai Patel KUCS Ltd. , Dhoraji, District Rajkot.
- (2) Sidheshwar KUSM Ltd. , Talaja, District Bhavnagar.
- (3) Shree Una Taluka Khedut SKUM Ltd., Una, District Junagadh.

(4) Charotar SKU Ltd. , Palaj, Taluq Petlad, District Kaira.

(b) The sugar mills i.e. those at Dhoraji and Talaja are under liquidation since long. The sugar mill at Una could not undertake crushing during the current crushing season because of inadequate supply of sugar-cane. The sugar mill at Palaj has not intimated any reasons for their closure.

(c) and (d). The Government does not provide any financial assistance to closed sugar mills.

Gauge Conversion of Railway Lines

168. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken up the gauge conversion of Arasikere-Hubli and Miraj-Hubli railway lines;

(b) if so, the estimated amount proposed for the above gauge conversion works;

(c) the amount provided for the above works during 1993-94; and

(d) the time by which the above works are likely to be completed?

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

(b) The approx. estimated cost of these works is as under:

- (i) Arasikere-Hubli..Rs. 152 crs.
- (ii) Miraj- Hubli.. Rs. 154 crs.
- (c) (i) Arasikere -Hubli.. Rs.88crs.