

(b) if so, the countries from which it is proposed to be imported alongwith the price and quantity thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent the likely adverse effect of this move on the domestic market in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Government have decided to allow import of sugar under Open General Licence, no sugar is being imported on Government account. As such the countries from which it is to be imported, price and quantity could not be indicated. The importers would exercise their best commercial judgement while importing the sugar.

(c) No adverse effect of this move is anticipated on the domestic market in the country.

[*Translation*]

#### **Railway network in Gujarat**

4883. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concrete proposals for expansion and development of Railway network in Gujarat during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Gauge conversion of Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad section (572 kms. of which 142 kms. is in Gujarat) and Viramgam-Mahesana (65 kms.) was taken up in 1993-94. Gauge conversion of Rajkot-

Veraval (185 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1994-95.

(b) Work on Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad and Viramgam-Mahesana section is in progress while that on Rajkot-Veraval will be taken up after Demands for Grants are passed by the Parliament.

#### **Gauge Conversion**

4884. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from States for conversion of MG/NG lines into BG and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to convert MG/NG in each State during 1994-95 and Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The following proposals for conversion of MG/NG lines into BG have been received from the following State Governments:—

- (i) **Assam**  
Lumding-Badarpur
- (ii) **Bihar**  
Muzaffarpur-Faxaul-Narkatiaganj  
Samastipur-Durbhanga
- (iii) **Gujarat**  
Rajkot-Veraval  
Gandhidham-Bhuj  
Surenderanagar-Bhavnagar  
Navlakhi-Wankaner  
Surenderanagar-Rajula

- (iv) **Orissa**  
Rupsa-Bangriposi  
Naupada-Gunupur
- (v) **Kerala**  
Quilon-Tenkasi
- (vi) **Maharashtra**  
Aurangabad-Parbhani  
Parbhani-Mudkhed-Adilabad  
Gondia-Chanda Fort  
Solapur-Bijapur  
Daund-Baramati  
Miraj-Latur  
Pachora-Jamner  
Nagpur-Nagbhid
- (vii) **Karnataka**  
Arasikere-Hassan-Mangalore  
Sholapur-Gadag
- (viii) **Madhya Pradesh**  
Nagpur-Saoner-Parasia
- (ix) **Rajasthan**  
Sanganer-Todaraisingh

(b) and (c). Proposals have been finalised for 1994-95 only. Details are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of section/line
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|-----|--------------------|
| 1.  | Hissar-Rewari      |
| 2.  | Rewari-Jaipur      |
| 3.  | Phulera-Marwar     |
| 4.  | Jodhpur-Jaisalmer  |
| 5.  | Chikjajur-Hubli    |
| 6.  | Hubli-Londa        |
| 7.  | Londa-Miraj        |
| 8.  | Hospet-Hubli       |
| 9.  | Donakonda-Giddalur |
| 10. | Muzaffarpur-Raxaul |

Sl. No.	Name of section/line
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| 11. | Birur-Shimoga               |
| 12. | Parbhani-Purna              |
| 13. | Arjuni-Wadsa                |
| 14. | Purulia-Kotshila (Phase-II) |

### Sunflower/Soyabean Cultivation

4885. DR. LAXMINARAYAN  
PANDEYA:  
PROF. SAVITHRI  
LAKSHMANAN:  
SHRI PROBIN DEKA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start sunflower and soyabean cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the places identified for it;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve the State Agriculture Universities in the process of Soil testing and study of climatic conditions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the incentives being provided or likely to be provided to the farmers to increase the sunflower cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.