

3. Central Region - Bhopal
4. Western Region - Pune
5. Southern Region - Hyderabad.

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

[*Translation*]

Railway Stations in Gujarat

2998. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Gujarat where modernisation and expansion work has executed, separately, and the amount spent on this work during the last three years;

(b) the number of railway stations to be modernised and expanded during the current year; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Residential Schools for Girls

2999. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more residential or semi-residential schools for girls students of vulnerable sections of society in the rural areas to promote female education;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal with the Ministry to set up residential or semi-residential schools exclusively for girls. The basic responsibility of opening of girls schools is on the State/UT Governments. The role of the Central Government in promoting school education for girls is facilitative in nature. Under the scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas residential and co-educational schools are being opened at the rate of one in each district of the country to provide quality education free of cost from class VI onwards to the children predominantly from rural areas. Sizeable number of girls, particularly from rural areas benefit from these schools.

Gauge Conversion

3000. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the survey report for construction of Broad Gauge railway line from Lanka station to Badarpur junction in Assam;

(b) if so, the action taken so far by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in implementation of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The survey report has revealed that the line would require heavy investment and would be grossly unremunerative. In view of this it has not been found feasible to take up this work.

Coupen System at Reservation Centres

3001. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coupen system being followed at reservation centres in Delhi has been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The token system which was in existence in IRCA Reservation Office, Delhi has been discontinued.

(b) Token system was discontinued following receipt of complaints of misuse of tokens by anti-social elements.

Oil Seeds/Pulses Cultivation

3002. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:
SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study with regard to the potential for oilseeds and pulses cultivation in non-traditional areas has been conducted;

(b) if so, the details of the plan chalked out in this regard;

(c) the areas identified so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) and (b). No such study has been done to assess the potential for Oilseeds and Pulses cultivation in non-traditional areas. However, experts of the Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with the Officers of the concerned State Department of Agriculture, have identified some non-traditional areas for promoting the cultivation of oilseeds and pulses.

(c) and (d). The crop-wise potential areas are as follows:

Oilseeds

- (i) **Soyabean:** In the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and North Eastern Hill States as Kharif crop.
- (ii) **Groundnut:** In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat, West Bengal, Assam and Bihar as Rabi crop.
- (iii) **Sunflower:** In Kharif fallows in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh and as Summer crop in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Pulses

- (i) **Arhar:** Popularisation of short duration varieties of Arhar in