

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

4148. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the survey work being conducted to lay broadgauge line from Gorakhpur and Nautanwa, Sonauli-Bharhawa railway routes was to be submitted by the North-Eastern Railway in September last year;

(b) if so, whether this report has not been received by the Railway Board.

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to take any steps for ensuring immediate submission of this report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). Survey Report for gauge conversion from Gorakhpur to Nautanwa and extension of new BG line from Nautanwa to Sonauli was received in Feb.95. Regarding Sonauli-Bharhawa survey the section falls in the territory of Nepal and the survey, in a foreign country cannot be taken up without their request.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Reservation of Backward Caste

4149 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of Mandal Commission for recruitment of Scientists in Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason thereof?

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.

(b) Provisions have been made for 27% reservations to candidates of other backward classes in terms of the recommendations of the Mandal Commission for recruitment of Scientists in the grade of Rs 2200-4000 in I.C.A.R. in Agricultural Research Service Examination, 1994. Council has also decided to implement the Government of India's instructions regarding relaxation in maximum age limit prescribed for direct recruitment by three years to other backward classes for the recruitment of Scientists in ICAR. Since recruitment

action for the ARS examination 1994 is already over, these provisions will be made applicable to the ARS Examination to be held from 1995 onwards.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Green Revolution

4150. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Green Revolution in the field of agriculture has reached its maximum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the agriculture is being neglected in this changed situation; and

(d) if not, the achievements made in the agricultural technology of the country which help in the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b). Production and productivity of Wheat and Rice, which brought Green Revolution, are still showing an increasing trend.

(c) Priority is still being continued for the development of agriculture.

(d) Evolution of location specific high yielding varieties of crops and development of production technologies including plant protection methods are helping in increasing the crop productivity and production in different parts of the country.

Railway Projects

4151. SHRI P. KUMARASAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent proposals during 1993-94 and 1994-95 for construction of new railway stations and also regarding new rail routes/extension of existing rail routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proposals, out of them sanctioned by the Union Government; and

(d) the present status of each of the remaining proposals and the steps being taken for early clearance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). Proposals have been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for taking up the following projects :

(i) New line from Mettupalayam to Chamarajanagar via Sathyamangalam.

(ii) Construction of a new line from Paramakudi to Tuticorin via Mudukulathur, Kadaladi and Sayalkudi.