

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

5121. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Narrow-Gauge Railway Line in Chhota-Udaipur tribal area of Gujarat has been lying unused till date;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating on any proposal for renovation of this line and run a train thereon;

(c) if so, the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. The section is lying unused since August 1990.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It has been decided not to restore this section for traffic due to extremely meagre traffic, heavy cost involved in repairing two damaged bridges on Bodeli-Chhota Udaipur Section, availability of alternative road transport services, Railway Reforms Committee's recommendation to close this line.

[English]

Brain Drain

5122. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the dangerous trend of Brain Drain in the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the causes and the magnitude of Brain Drain;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d). Some Indian scientists, engineers, medical graduates do migrate to other countries for higher studies/work abroad and some of them tend to stay back. But it has not been possible to maintain a record of such migrants and of those who permanently settle there. In order to attract such personnel back to the country, the Government have taken steps which include increase in Science and

Technology outlays, creation of new Scientific Departments/Organisations, delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers to Science and Technology Institutions, temporary placement of Scientists and Technologists under the Scientists' Pool etc.

Sugar Mills

5133. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the sugar mills set up in recent past have started functioning;

(b) if so, the number of sugar mills which have started their production, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the remaining mills?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c). Seven new sugar mills have gone into production in the recent past, i.e., during the current 1994-95 sugar season (October to September) upto 30th April, 1995. Of these 3 are in Punjab, 2 in Uttar Pradesh and 1 each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Normally, it takes about 3 years to set up a new sugar mill.

Committee On Sugarcan Pricing

5124. SHRI ASTBHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA :
DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plan to introduce a new consumer oriented Sugar Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Norms Committee, entrusted with task of fixing cane prices has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the recommendations contained therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay in submitting the same?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b). No change in the existing policy of partial control with a dual pricing system for distribution of sugar is under consideration at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The main recommendations made by the Committee are given at in the Statement enclosed. A Conference of Sugar Ministers of all the sugar producing States/UTs has been convened on 6th May, 1995 to consider the recommendations of this Committee.

(e) Does not arise.