

[Translation]

### Halt at Hatisa Bhagwantpur

28. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have granted approval for construction of railway halt at Hatisa Bhagwantpur between Hathras city and Mursan railway stations; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JEFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

### Halt of Shatabdi Express

29. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide halt of Shatabdi Express between New Delhi and Lucknow at Bareilly Junction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) 2003/2004 New Delhi-Lucknow Shatabdi Express does not run via Bareilly.

### Fruits and Vegetables Price

30. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:  
SHRI RAM PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is uniformity in prices of the fruits and vegetables being sold by the outlets of the Mother Dairy in Delhi;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove the difference in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The variation is mainly to avoid problems of underpricing/overpricing in relation to the open market where the prices vary from locality to locality.

(c) Not necessary in view of above.

[English]

### Danapur Railway Division

31. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up railway station/halts and construction of over bridges under the Danapur Railway Division;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two proposals for opening

of halts over Danapur Division were received. The proposal for opening of halt at Jamira between Ara and Kulhai stations was examined in the past and the same was found neither financially justified nor feasible on passenger amenity grounds. The other proposal for opening of a halt at Gumti No. 51 at Kuwardah village between Bihiya and Kauriya stations is under examination.

Construction of one foot-over bridge at Luckeesarai was included in final Works Programme for the year 1995-96 subject to availability of funds.

(Translation)

### Pollution Control

32. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:  
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:  
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:  
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:  
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the level of pollution in India as compared to other countries;

(b) whether some industrial units, vehicles and indiscriminate and illegal denudation of forests are the main cause of pollution;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any comprehensive policy for conservation of environment and for checking pollution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the report "Global Pollution and Health" prepared by World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) and United Nations Environment Programme (UWEP), the levels of suspended particulate matter (SPM) in respect of Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay rank 4th, 6th and 13th respectively among 54 cities of the world. With respect to sulphur dioxide, these cities rank 27th, 18th and 37th respectively among 41 cities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have formulated comprehensive Policies for conservation of environment and checking pollution. These include Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution and the National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development. The Policy Statement for Abatement of Pollution envisages integration of environmental and economic aspects of development planning, lays stress on preventive aspects of pollution abatement and promotion of technological inputs to reduce industrial pollutants. The National Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement of Environment and Development sets out priorities on conservation of natural resources such as land and water; prevention and control of atmospheric pollution including noise pollution and industrial development by using a mix of promotional and regulatory steps.