

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Ajni, Ambernath, Balharshah, Bombay VT, Butibori, Chandrapur, Dadar, Dockyard Road, Ghatkopar, Kings, Circle, Kurla, Loni, Masjid, Mulund, Nagpur, Nasik Road, Pune, Shelu, Solapur, Titwala, Wadwal Nagnath, Parsode, Aurangabad, Amgaon, Rewral, Vasai Road, Vangaon, Vile Parle, Jogeshwari, Churchgate, Goregaon, Matunga Road, Elphinstone Road, Nandurbar, Santacruz, Kandivali, Bombay VT, Govandi, Thankurli, Dombivli, Kharbau, Akurdi, Igatpuri, Ulhasnagar, Bhusawal, Badnera, Manmad, Sindi, Wardha, Kurduwadi, Baramati, Daund, Wadi.

(d) Kurla, Tilaknagar, Shivajinagar, Dockyard Road, Reay Road, Bombay VT, Kamshet, Chinchpokli, Vithalwadi, Cottongreen, Vikhroli, Mumbra, Dombivli, Vasind, Vidyavihar, Bhandup, Igatpuri, Teegaon, Dehu Road, Byculla, Ambivli, Telegaon, Pune, Kalwa, Kaman, Juchandra, Kalyan, Manmad, Akola, Badnera, Nasik Road, Bhusawal, Nandura, Hinganghat, Warora, Sindhi, Wardha, Balharshah, Butibori, Seloo Road, Kapergaon, Daund, Dudhani, Ahmednagar, Uruli, Parbhani, Gandia, Kamptee, Virar, Bandra, Dadar, Bhayandar, Grant Road, Charni Road.

(c) and (d). Works relating to remodelling of station building at Kalyan, Thane, Mumbra, Andheri, Borivali, Miraj, Amgaon, Itwari, Kulumna and Tirora; provision of foot-over-bridges at Dadar and Panvel; provision of cement concrete washable apron at Bombay VT; augmentation of water supply at Dadar and stations on Neral-Matheran and Igatpuri-Bhusawal Sections; provision/extension of cover over platforms at Bombay VT, Nasik Road and Daund; extension of platforms at Bombay VT, Nasik Road and Daund; extension of platform at Kopergaon and raising of platforms at Daund and Parbhani are to be taken up during 1995-96 subject to availability of funds.

[English]

Potato Farmers

5806. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that potatoes grown in West Bengal were once found to be diseased with "Wart";

(b) if so, when such disease was detected;

(c) whether the same disease persists in the potatoes of West Bengal till to-date;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to help the State of West Bengal to get rid of the disease; and

(e) whether it is a fact that ban has been imposed on the export of West Bengal Potatoes?

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) During 1953.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Survey for the presence of Wart disease is conducted from time to time. The State Government have been advised to adopt following measures:

(i) To use wart-resistant varieties;

(ii) To use only certified potato seeds; and

(iii) To avoid cultivation of a mixture of wart susceptible and resistant varieties.

(e) Yes, Sir.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

5807. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for conversion of Metre Gauge lines into Board Gauge lines in Rajasthan during the Eighth Five Year plan;

(b) the extent to which those targets have so far been achieved and the amount spent thereon;

(c) the time by which the remaining targets are likely to be achieved and the names of the trains being proposed to be introduced on the Broad Gauge line upto Ajmer and the date from which these trains are likely to be introduced;

(d) the time by which Ajmer-Chittor-Udaipur line is likely to be included in Gauge Conversion Scheme; and

(e) the names of the areas in Rajasthan where survey etc. has been conducted to lay new lines?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) 1636 kms.

(b) 1128 kms. have been converted so far. Work is in progress on 408 kms. The amount spent so far on these projects is Rs. 703 crs.

(c) The remaining targets of Gauge conversion for the 8th plan in Rajasthan will be achieved during the 8th plan period.

It is proposed to extend 2015/2016 New Delhi-Jaipur Shatabdi Express to Ajmer during 1995-96.

(d) Gauge conversion of Chhitaurgarh-Udaipur line has been included in the budget 95-96 and will be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained. Survey for conversion of Ajmer-Chhitaurgarh line is in progress and further consideration of this project would be possible once the results of the survey report become available.

(e) (i) Bilara-Bar

(ii) Kolayat-Philodi (for MG)

(iii) Bikaner-Byepass line

(iv) Dausa-Gangapur city.

(v) Chhatargarh-Jamsar (MG)