

*[Translation]***Grapes Research Centre**

1007. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up any national level research centre for grapes in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons 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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has decided to establish National Research Centre on Grapes in Pune district of Maharashtra on the basis of recommendations of the Site Selection Committee constituted by the ICAR. The Site Selection Committee has not recommended the establishment of National Research Centre on Grapes in Gujarat where commercial grape growing is not an important venture.

*[English]***Gauge Conversion**

1008. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NG/MG lines under North Frontier Railway;
- (b) the names and number of lines where conversion work is in progress;
- (c) the names of these lines where conversion work is likely to be undertaken;
- (d) whether all the district headquarters would be connected with each other by broad gauge lines;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) On the N.F. Railway, the NG section is from New Jalpaiguri to Darjeeling.

MG sections are as under:—

1. Katihar-Jogbani
2. Katihar-Guwahati
3. Katihar-Manihari Ghat
4. New Mal-New Domohani
5. Alipurduar Jn.-Bamanhat-Gitaldaha
6. Dhubri-Fakiragram Jn.
7. Barsoi Jn.-Radhikapur
8. Tezpur-Rangapara North-Rangiya
9. Senchoa-Silghat Town

10. Haibe rgaon-Mairabari
11. Bhalukpong-Baliapara
12. Murkongselek-Rangapara North
13. Lumding-Karimganj Jn.-Kumarghat
14. Jiribam-Silchar-Badarpur
15. Bairabi-Katakhal
16. Dullabcherra-Baraigram
17. Karimganj Jn.-Maishashan (Latu)
18. Lumding-Dibrugarh
19. Dangri-Tinsukia
20. Makum-Lekhapani
21. Mariani-Jorhat-Furkating Jn. (Loop)
22. Mornhat-Simaluguri Jn.-Naginimora
23. Amguri-Tuli

(b) Conversion work is in progress on the following lines:—

- (i) Lumding-Dimapur
- (ii) Dimapur-Furkating
- (iii) Furkating-Mariani
- (iv) Furkating-Mariani (Loop)
- (v) Mariani-Tinsukia-Lekhapani
- (vi) Tinsukia-Dibrugarh

(c) The following lines are included in the Action Plan and would be taken up for conversion in the coming years:—

- (i) Rāngiya-Murkongselek
- (ii) Baliapara North-Bhalukpong
- (iii) Rangapara North -Tezpur

(d) to (f): No, Sir, Provision of rail links to all District Headquarters of the N.E. region states is not feasible owing to the heavy investment which would be involved in their construction and the acute constraint of resources being faced by the Railway at present.

*[Translation]***Dhuliyān Ganga Station Office**

1009. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the office of the Dhuliyān Ganga Station requires thorough renovation; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken or propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). As condition of the building at Dhulian Ganga Station is satisfactory, thorough renovation is not justified.

Allotment of Quarters

1010. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the irregularities committed in allotment of quarters in Samastipur division of North Eastern Railways; and
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?