

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these mills are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (e). During the sugar year 1994-95 (October-September), upto 31.3.1995, one letter of intent has been issued by the Ministry of Industry to M/s. Indo-Gulf Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation Ltd., for the establishment of a new sugar mill at village Begrajpur, District Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh) in the Private Sector. Generally, it takes about 3 to 4 years to set up a new sugar factory.

### Education Through Panchayat

6726. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the manner in which primary education is being entrusted to Panchayats after coming into force Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth amendments in the Constitution and the manner in which it is being implemented in various States;

(b) whether any review is being made by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c). In pursuance of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments, a Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee formulated guidelines on decentralised management of education, at district, panchayat samiti and panchayat levels. The report of the Committee was endorsed by the Chief Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi on 15th February, 1994 and it has also been commended to the State Governments and UT Administrations for appropriate adaptation and effective implementation keeping in view their specific situation. Copies of the report are available in the Parliament Library.

[English]

### Gauge Conversion

6727. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey on Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Baroda, Ahmedabad Division for conversion of Narrow Gauge and Metre Gauge lines into Broad Gauge lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcome thereof;

(d) the amount incurred thereon;

(e) the time by which the works are likely to start;

(f) whether any survey for electrification on above lines has already been conducted or likely to be conducted;

(g) if so, the details thereof and time by which the works are likely to start; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) Electrification projects are undertaken on techno-economic merits and operational requirements on a net work basis. As electrification projects are capital intensive, only those broad gauge routes over which the traffic density is high and the return on investment is not less than the minimum prescribed are considered for electrification.

### Women's Development Programme

6728. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment of the Women's Development Programme (WDP) has been made at any stage;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, State-wise'

(c) whether with the abolition of the service of the Sathins or grassroot workers by some States this programme has suffered a great set-back;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to rejuvenate this programme; and

(e) the approximate amount of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the various States for the implementation of this programme during the current Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Three assessments of Women's Development Programme have been conducted by State Government of Rajasthan since its inception in the year 1984.

(b) On the basis of the assessments, various innovations have been introduced in the programme such as (i) extending the programme outreach with effective implementation of Women's Development Programme by mobilising women through group formation, (ii) linking the initial ground work of awareness generation with economic development of women,