

Sewage Plants

6790. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up sewage plants in all industrial settlements of Delhi for pollution control;

(b) whether a trial project is being implemented in this connection with the help of the Delhi Municipal Corporation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the amount earmarked in the Eighth Plan for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) The Government has not proposal to set up sewage plants in all the industrial settlements in Delhi. However, the industries have to treat their effluents to comply with the prescribed standards.

(b) and (c). The Central Pollution Control Board has sanctioned a project for carrying out a study with the help of Delhi Municipal Corporation for treatment of waste water through pisciculture and production of duckweed.

(d) A sum of Rs. 13,60,100/- has been earmarked for this project in the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

[English]

Working Women Hostels

6791. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targeted number of Working Women Hostels was not sanctioned during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the targets fixed and the achievements made during the said period; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to meet the requirement of such hostels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The targets were fully achieved. 53 additional hostels were sanctioned during 1994-95 for 4594 working women against a target of 50 hostels for 2500 working women.

(c) Till the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, 627 hostels had been sanctioned with a capacity of 40662 working women, under the Scheme of Assistance for

Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day Care Centre for Children. An outlay of Rs. 35 crores has been provided for the Scheme in the Eighth Five-Year Plan (1992-97), in order to create additional hostel accommodation for 12,500 working women. 113 hostels for 8845 working women have been sanctioned upto 31.3.1995 in the Eighth Five-Year Plan, making a total of 740 hostels sanctioned so far for 49507 working women. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to encourage and assist Non-Governmental Organisations in taking up the programme.

Gauge Conversion

6792. SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN :
SHRI P. KUMARASAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sections of Metre Gauge Railway Lines in Tamil Nadu converted into Broad Lines during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the Government have identified some more sections for Gauge conversion during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount allocated for the purpose;

(e) whether Tamil Nadu has got largest percentage of Metre Gauge Tracks in the whole country; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to increase allocation of funds for Gauge conversion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) The Metre Gauge railway lines in Tamil Nadu converted to Broad Gauge is as under :

1993-94	Madras Beach-Tambaram
1994-95	Nil

(b) to (d). Gauge Conversion work is in progress on Tambaram-Tiruchchirappalli (313 kms.), Dindigul-Tiruchchirappalli (93 kms.) and Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal (200 kms.) lines. During 95-96 an allocation of Rs. 37.00 crs., Rs. 16.00 crs. and 2 crores respectively have been provided for these projects.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Funds and materials are being provided to the Railways as per the requirements.

Taxes on Foodgrains

6793. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to reduce the taxes on foodgrains;