

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway is considering the earlier proposal to extend railway line from Budge- Budge to Namkhana in view of the present situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work is in progress.

(b) The section from Laxmikantapur to Karanjali has already been opened. Karanjali to Nischintapur will be completed in June '95 and rest of the project by 96-97.

(c) and (d). The proposal for the entire line from Namkhana to Budge was sent to the Planning Commission. However, owing to constraint of resources, they approved only the shorter length from Namkhana to Laxmikantapur. The cost of the line from Budge-Budge to Namkhana can be considered only after the resource position improves and some of the ongoing projects get completed.

Road Overbridge

3190. DR. RAJAGOPALAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for construction of new road over bridge and foot over bridge between Sion and Thane and between Kurla and Vashi on the Central Railway Suburban Bombay Network in Bombay city;

(b) the estimated cost to be incurred in each project and the time by which it is likely to be completed;

(c) the amenities provided to the passengers in those suburban stations; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). **Road overbridges** : Proposals for the following works of construction of road overbridges in replacement of level crossings received from the State Government are under consultation with State Government for completion of prerequisite formalities.

1. Ghatkoper-Vikhroll section

Construction of road overbridge in replacement of level crossing No. 14 at Km. 22/12-13.

2. Bhandup-Mulund section

Construction of road overbridge in replacement of level crossing No. 17 at Km. 27/10-11.

3. Chunabhatti-Kurla section

Construction of road overbridge in replacement of level crossing No. 1 at Km. 12-13.

4. Sewri-Wadala section

Construction of road overbridge in replacement of level crossing No. 7 at Km. 7/3-4.

The estimated costs of the above works can be worked out after completion of formalities by State Government. Construction of the bridge proper will be taken up after the work is included in Railways Works Programme on completion of prerequisite formalities by the State Government and completed alongwith the completion of work on approaches by the State Government.

5. Foot Overbridge at Vidyavihar :

Work of provision of foot-overbridge has been included in the Works Programme at a cost of Rs. 30.20 lakh and same is targetted for completion by 30.6.1996.

(c) and (d). Facilities of platforms, seating arrangements, waiting room facilities, lighting, booking arrangements, drinking water etc. commensurate with the volume of traffic handled, have been provided at these stations.

Gauge Conversion

3191. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Government of Gujarat regarding extension of railway line upto Along ship breaking yard Pipavav Project and conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge in other port towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Government of Gujarat have requested for providing BG rail links to Alang and Pipavav ports.

(c) A survey has been taken up for conversion of Surendranagar-Bhavnagar MG line into BG and extension of the converted line from Bhavnagar to Pipavav via Alang. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Survey of Railway Line

3192. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey of railway line from Kharagpur to Khurda and Khurda to Vizee has been completed;