

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Every year, 300 fresh scholarships are awarded at the rate of Rs. 6,000/- per annum to University/College students proficient in sports. Besides, the scholarships of old students are also renewed subject to their good performance. During 1994-95, apart from 300 fresh scholarships, 173 old scholarships were renewed and the total amount involved in the payment of these scholarships comes to Rs. 28,38,000/-.

(d) The scholarship amount last enhanced from Rs. 300/- per month to Rs. 500/- per month (i.e. Rs. 6,000/- per annum) with effect from 01.04.1993.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

2751. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which survey was conducted by the Railway Authorities in regard to laying of new Broad Gauge Railway Line between Baharaich and Sitapur, Gonda Mailani Division of North-Eastern Railway;

(b) the outcome thereof;

(c) the time by which the work is likely to start; and

(d) the estimated cost to be incurred on this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The survey for a new line from Sitapur to Baharaich is expected to be completed by 31.12.1995.

(c) Depends on the outcome of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

(d) Will be known when the survey report is received.

[English]

Turnover Ratio

2752. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways achieved a turnover ratio of 21% during 1994-95.

(b) whether turn over ratio target has been fixed at 20% for 1995-96; and

(c) if so, the reasons for fixing the lower targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Railways achieved a Turn Over Ratio of 19% in the year 1994-95.

(b) Initially Turn Over Ratio target for 1995-96 was fixed at 20%. However, with the improved Inventory performance during 1994-95, this target has now been fixed at 17%.

(c) Reduction in Turn Over Ratio indicates improvement in Inventory management. It is always aimed to achieve the lowest possible Turn Over Ratio without effecting the service level.

[Translation]

Late Running of Trains

2753. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding late running of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the number of passenger trains departed late during 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the main reasons therefore ;

(d) whether the Government compensate the loss to the passengers suffered due to late departure of trains ; and

(e) if so, the details of the rates in this regard.

TH: MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). Complaints regarding late running of trains are received at different levels of Railway administration