

last three years and also its gross and net losses;

(b) the amount of development expenditure being spent on different Railways during the last three years for expansion of the Railway lines; and

(c) what is the expenditure on expansion of Ajmer-Khandwa Metre Gauge Section for the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1057/80.*]

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1057/80.*]

(c) Total expenditure incurred on the various works on Ajmer-Khandwa Metre Gauge Section, during the last three years, is given as under:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Expenditure incurred
1977-78	70.62
1978-79	83.86
1979-80	67.54 (This figure is provisional as accounts for the year have yet to close finally.)
Total	222.02

Overbridge at Manapparai

3777. SHRI S. A. DORAI SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken on the representations for an overbridge in Manapparai level-crossing (Southern Railway) on National Highway-45; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No representation has been received regarding provision of overbridge in replacement of level crossing on National Highway No. 45 at Manapparai.

(b) Does not arise.

Places of Sub-Regional Offices in EPF Organisation

3778. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Sub-Regional Offices have been opened in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation as a matter of policy of decentralisation and quick

settlement of final payments; and

(b) if so, what are the places where Sub-Regional Offices in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have been opened and what is the strength of employees category-wise and percentage-wise in proportion to the Regional Office of the same State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) and (b) Eighteen Sub-Regional Offices have been set up in various parts of the country. A statement showing the names of Sub-Regional Offices and the staff posted, is enclosed. The Sub-Regional Offices are concerned with the maintenance of accounts, issue of annual statement of accounts, grant of loans/advances and settlement of claims. The number of staff to be provided depends upon the number of accounts handled which varies from office to office. The staff provided to the Sub-Regional Offices cannot also be compared with that of the Regional Offices as the latter deal with many other items of work. Efforts are, however, made to ensure that Sub-Regional Offices get adequate staff to cope with the work.