

demand of the people of Kutch for construction of broad gauge railway line between Gandhidham and Bhuj;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction this railway line;

(c) if so, the details of steps to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Survey conducted for conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj metre gauge line into broad gauge revealed that the project was not viable. In view of severe constraint of resources, and heavy commitments for on-going projects, there is no proposal at present for taking up this conversion.

[*Translation*]

Construction works at Railway Stations in Madhya Pradesh

1194. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction and development works going on at various railway stations of Madhya Pradesh have been postponed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Price of Catering Items

1195. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the price of tea, coffee and pantry items served in trains;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether there are any variations in the charges for tea, coffee, omlette, bread and milk served in pantry car in K.K. Express (from Kerala to New Delhi), Jayanthi Janatha Express (Kerala to Bombay), Madras Mail (Kerala to Madras), Venad Express (Shoranur to Trivandrum), Parasuram Express (Mangalore to Trivandrum) and Executive Special (Trivandrum to Ernakulam); and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Uniform tariff has been laid down for these items on these trains.

(d) Does not arise.

Methanol Plant at Uttar Brajapur, Bishalgarh, Tripura

1196. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a methanol plant in the joint sector has been recently approved and foundation stone of the same has been laid at Uttar Brajapur, near Bishalgarh in Tripura;