

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Khamgaon and Sholapur are already connected by rail line via Bhusaval, Jalgaon, Manmad and Daund.

[English]

Conversion of Purulia-Kotshila Railway Line

4201. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert Purulia-Kotshila narrow gauge line in south Eastern Railway into broad gauge;

(b) if so, when?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Production and Demand of Paraxylene

4202. SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) the domestic production and demand of paraxylene during 1989-90; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure adequate domestic production capacity to meet the increased demand?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Based on the licensed capacities of DMT & PTA i. e. raw material using paraxylene, annual requirement of paraxylene is of the order of 165000 tonnes. During 1989-90 after the annualised indigenous production of paraxylene, there was

a shortfall of around 42000 tonnes which was met through imports.

(b) Government is taking steps to augment the production to meet the increased demand by creation of new capacities.

[Translation]

Over Bridge at Vidisha Station

4203. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand from the public for expansion of both sides of foot over bridge at Vidisha Railway Station to cope with the heavy traffic; and

(b) if so, when this work is likely to be started and the time by which it will be completed?

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

(b) Preliminary arrangements have already been made and after the completion of certain formalities work will start in July, 1990. The work is expected to be completed in 1991.

Ring Railway in Jaipur

4204. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Jaipur and surrounding areas through ring railway in view of heavy passenger traffic to Jaipur; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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