

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (d) 2801/2802 Puri-New Delhi Purushottam Express (tri-weekly) via Purulia has been introduced w.e.f. 2-7-93.

[English]

#### MISUSE OF PASSES

2398. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether railway passes are being misused in large scale;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the last three years, zone-wise; and

(c) the action taken to stop such misuse of passes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir. Such cases are very few.

(b) Zone-wise number of cases detected during last three years are as under :—

Railway Zone	No. of cases detected
Central	9
Eastern	7
Northern	14
North Eastern	26
North-East Frontier	—
Southern	28
South Central	20
South Eastern	12
Western	37

(c) Vigilance Organisation as well as Anti-fraud Organisation of Commercial Branch conduct surprise checks/raids frequently both in trains and Reservation Offices to prevent such cases and deterrent action is taken against the defaulting pass-holders under DAR Rules.

[Translation]

#### CONVERSION OF NEEMUCH-RATLAM RAILWAY LINE

2399. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated cost, funds allocated for 1993-94 and progress made so far in the gauge conversion work of Neemuch-Ratlam railway line; and

(b) the time schedule fixed for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) The details are as under :—

(i) Estimated cost—Rs. 6.5 crores.

(ii) Funds allotted—Rs. 2 crores for 1993-94.

(iii) Physical progress—Preliminary work just taken up.

(b) By 1995-96, subject to availability of resources.

[English]

#### RANIGANJ-MEJIA RAILWAY LINE

2400. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a railway line is being constructed from Raniganj to Mejia in order to transport coal for Mejia Super Thermal Power Station;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to extend this line upto Bankura; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.