

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

Gauge Conversion

(d) the time by which all the candidates are likely to be given the fellowships ?

396. SHRIC. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA
SHRICHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN :

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by UGC, as a general policy all those who qualify in UGC—CSIR NET examination are eligible get JRF. The fellowships are available to them through different schemes and programmes of UGC and all those who approach the Commission are granted fellowship. Even if fellowships under any UGC programme is not available supernumerary fellowships are awarded to those who qualify in UGC—CSIR NET examination. This has also been done in respect of those who qualified and approached UGC in December, 1991.

Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to convert the entire railway system in the country into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the annual targets for conversion into broad gauge lines and the total expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) how the Government propose to dispose off the surplus metre gauge rolling stock; and

(d) the achievement during the past two years in converting metre gauge and narrow gauge lines into broad gauge along with section—wise break—up thereof ?

According to the information furnished by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), against 622 candidates who qualified the December, 1991 test under CSIR list fellowships were granted to 394 candidates only. As per the prescribed procedure, all candidates who qualified the test were sent attestation performs at the time result was communicated. The candidates had to forward the attestation programs through the institutions where they wanted to do research. On receipt of the same, a formal award letter for fellowship was to be issued. Attestation programs had been received from 394 candidates only and they were all granted the fellowship as per the procedure. Attestation programs were not received from 228 candidates and therefore they were not granted fellowship. The validity period of the offer was one year from the date the result was communicated i. e. 5. 5. 1992. Since one year period from 5. 5. 1992 is already over, the 228 candidates who did not respond, are no longer eligible.

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

(b) A total of 6,000 km of NG/MG lines are proposed to be converted to BG during VIII plan. A target of 1200 km was fixed for 1992—93 against which 1351 kms have been converted. A target of 1600 kms has been set for 1993—94. The balance is proposed for completion during the remaining years of the VIII Plan. Total expenditure is expected to be Rs. 3900 crores during the VIII Plan.

(c) At present approximately 31% of MG coaching stock and 22% of freight stock are already overaged and need to be removed from service. These will be disposed of on condition basis.

(d) the achievements during the last two years are as under :

1991-92	Kms
Manmad-Aurangabad	114
Salempur-Barhaj Bazar	21
	135
1992-93	
Bangalore-Mysore	138
Lalgah-Nagaur-Merta Road	177
Dindigul-Mandurai (Paralle BG)	62
Lalgah-Kolayat	47
Nadiad-Kapadvanj	45
Mankapur-Katra	30
Fazilka-Kotkapura	80
Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur	125
Lucknow Jn-Kanpur	59
Bangalore-Yelahanka	12
Parbhani-Parli Vajinath	63
Purulia-Kotshila	34
Madurai-Tuticorin	134
Guntur-Narsaraopet	46
Aurangabad-Jalna	64
Delhi-Rewari	83
Lucknow-manaknagar	5
Bangalore-Kyatsandra	55
Bellary-Rayadurg	54
Burhwal-Mehmoodabad	38
	1351 Kms

Forest Communication Project

397. SHRI ASHT BHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA:
MAJ GEN (RETD) BHUWAN CHANDRAKHANDURI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted Forest Communication Project for bilateral assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) Yes, Sir. (b) The proposed Communication project with an outlay of Rs. 1181.55 lakhs is to be implemented over a 5 years period for development of communication network in the forest areas of U.P.

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests have obtained the clearance of Directorate General of Technical Development (Electronics and telecommunication and MEI Divisions) and communicated to the State Government.

The Department of Economic Affairs have requested the State Government to intimate the existence of the budgetary provisions for the import of the equipment the matter now rests with State Government.

(d) The question does not arise.

[Translation]

Rajasthan Sahitya Academy

398. SHRIGIRDHARILAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of books published by the Rajasthan Sahitya Academy during the last three years;

(b) the percentage out of the published books which could not be sold in the market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) (a) and (b). Details are as follows:

Year	No. of books published	percentage of unsold books
(i) 1990-91	4	67%
(ii) 1991-92	3	81%
(iii) 1992-93	4	84%

[English]

Bal Bhawan

399. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Bal Bhawans functioning in the country;

(b) The number of those wholly/partly financed the Union Government and State Governments;

(c) whether the Government propose to open more Bal Bhawan in U.P. specially in tribal, hilly and rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). The total number of affiliated Bal Bhawans functioning in there country is 49. The Bal Bhawan Society India, New Delhi, gives nominal one time financial assistance for specific projects to affiliated State Bal Bhawans.

(c) There is, at present, no specific proposal under consideration of the Government.

(d) does not arise.

[Translation]

Kandla-Bhatindra railway line

400. SHRICHITUBAHI GAMIT: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct broad gauge railway line from kandlaport of Gujarat to Bhatinda (Punjab);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme is likely to be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the estimated cost there of and the towns which will be linked by this railway route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). It is proposed to provide a BG link from, Bhatinda to Kandla by conversion of MG sectors on this route. Bhatinda to Merta Road is