

(a) the existing Farm universities in the country imparting education on agriculture;

(b) the percentage of annual expenditure of these universities met by the Union Government ;

(c) whether the performance and the standards of education of these universities is satisfactory; and

(d) if not, the remedial measures contemplated by the Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Conversion of Bangalore-Arasikere rail line

1927. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversion of lines between Bangalore-Arasikere into broadgauge has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) whether there is also a proposal to take up the conversion work of Arasikere-Miraj into broadgauge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tumkur-Arsikere line was completed and opened to traffic on 27.11.1993.

(c) The expenditure upto March, 1993 was Rs. 6417 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir. Work is already in progress.

[Translation]

Dadri-Noida Railway Line

1928. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new railway line is being laid from Dadri station of Northern Railway to NOIDA and other places;

(b) if so, the amount likely to be spent on this project;

(c) the allocation made therefor during the current years;

(d) the time by which the line is likely to become operational ?

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

(b) to (d) Do not arise

[English]

Agricultural Development in Orissa

1929. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: