

(b) The State Government of Gujarat had reported massive infestation of these insects on neem plants between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. ICFRE team visited the areas and suggested that foliar spraying of monocrotophos (0.02%) Water emulsion spray would be very effective to control the outbreak.

[Translation]

**Gauge Conversion**

7001. SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial allocation for completion of gauge conversion work between Bangalore and Miraj has been increased during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The details about allocations for 1994-95 are as under;

- (i) Bangalore-Hubli Rs. 78 cr.
- (ii) Hospet-Hubli-Goa (including Hubli to Londa on Bangalore-Miraj route) Rs. 89 crs.
- (iii) Miraj-Londa Rs. 102 crs.

The entire section from Bangalore to Miraj would be completed by 31.3.95.

[English]

**Projects in West Bengal**

7002. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take special measures to expedite the execution of the Eklakhi-Balurghat project, Tamluk-Digha Broadgauge line, Electrification of Bandel-Katwa line, Adra-Midnapore and Howrah-Amta Broadgauge line projects in view of the slow development of Railways in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). The work of Eklakhi-Balurghat has been defrozen. The outlay for Tamluk-Digha line has been increased from Rs. 1.00 crore in 1993-94 to Rs. 2.00 crores in 1994-95. Defreezing of a part of Howrah-Amta line is under review. Electrification of Bandel-Katwa is in progress and an outlay of Rs. 15.00 crores has been made in 1994-95 budget. For electrification of Adra-Midnapore, clearance of the Planning Commission is awaited.

**Deep Seismic Sounding System**

7003. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Geo-physics department of Delhi University and I.I.T., Kanpur have developed a new technique "Deep-Seismic Sounding" to explore oilfields and micafield;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and