

(b) and (c). 47 posts have been made permanent under two of the three Divisions of the Central Water Commission in Orissa. The 3rd Division, namely, Central Flood Forecasting Division, Burla has started functioning only on 5.9.1983, which has got 104 work charged employees and, as such, the work-charged post sanctioned for the Burla Division do not qualify for conversion into permanent posts at this stage. 8 work-charged employees have been declared permanent against the 47 permanent posts in the two Divisions of the Central Water Commission in Orissa. Due to the non-availability of certain documents, the proposals for confirmations against the remaining 39 posts could not be considered till date. A meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee is being held shortly in this connection.

The declaration of semi-permanency of work-charged staff has been stopped on the pattern of the Central Public Works Department as it does not serve any purpose in view of the changed entitlements of benefits of temporary work-charged staff.

**Central School at Sriharikota and Nellore
(Andhra Pradesh)**

2709. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing a new Central School at Sriharikota and Nellore town of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). A proposal was received some time back from the Department of Space that the Space Central School, Sriharikota, being run by them, may be taken over and run as a Kendriya Vidyalaya (Central School) by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The proposal was considered at length but not found feasible on administrative grounds.

No proposal for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Nellore has been received by

the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan from an appropriate sponsoring authority in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

Rail line between Ajmer and Mairta

2710. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for the construction of new rail line between Ajmer and Mairta;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to lay this rail line :

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be laid; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (e). Reconnaissance engineering survey for a new line from Ajmer to Merta Road via Pushker has been taken up and it is in progress. A decision on the project will be taken after the survey has been completed and the survey report examined, subject to availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.

[Translation]

Ajmer-Indore Road as National Highway

2711. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have declared the Ajmer-Indore road as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the time by which Government propose to get the construction work of this Highway completed; and

(c) details of the present progress of the construction work of this Highway ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c), Do not arise.

**Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad line
into Broad Gauge**

2712. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line into broad gauge line;

(b) if so, whether Government had earlier conducted any survey of this line;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof;

(d) the details of the action taken by Government so far to convert the said line into broad gauge line; and

(e) if no action has since been taken the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Delhi-Ahmedabad conversion project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission. Further action will be taken after it is cleared by the Planning Commission and funds provided therefor.

(b) to (e). Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey carried out for this project in 1973-74 revealed that the length of the proposed line will be about 925 Kms. The present day cost of conversion will be about Rs. 300 crores. No action could be taken, as the project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission due to severe constraint of resources.

[English]

**Fixing of timings of Reservation at Kota
Railway Station**

2713. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for fixing the timings of reservation at Kota Railway Station in accordance with the timings of reservations at other stations;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter;

(c) whether Government propose to provide to the passengers the facility to enquire about reservation over telephone at Kota Railway Station ;

(d) if so, by which time it would be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The timings for reservations at Kota Railway Station are 0900 hours to 1400 hours and 1430 hours to 1630 hours which are considered adequate to deal with the work load of reservations at this station.

(c) to (e). The facility to enquire about reservations over telephone is already available for I class passengers. This facility for II class passengers would be provided in due course.

[Translation]

Demand for Dakniya Talab as City Station

2714. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the local residents of Kota demanding that the Dakniya Talab be made a City Station keeping in view the constant expansion of the City;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A few representations have been received from local public for providing additional facilities/amenities at Dakniya Talab such as stoppage of 19 Dn/20 Up Dehradun Express and 23Dn/24 Up Janata Express, raising of platforms, goods shed facilities, waiting room etc. The demands have been examined. Dakniya Talab is already a B Class Station open for local