

(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