

Sahid Matangini (Maniktala) Railway Stations in the Panskura-Haldia Section of the South Eastern Railway ; and

(b) the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). West Bengal Government's approval to the change in the name of Sutahata Crossing Station as 'Basulya-Sutahata' has been received recently. South Eastern Railway has approached Indian Railway Conference Association for the approval of the proposed name of the station and giving code initials. This station will be opened for passenger traffic thereafter.

As regards opening of Sahid Motangini (Maniktala) Passenger Halt between Reghunathbari and Tamluk stations, the proposal when re-examined by the South Eastern Railway, on the present day cost of the station was found to be financially non-viable. The matter is being further reviewed.

Recognition of M. Tech. Degree of Delhi University

624. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether M. Tech. Degree in Microwave Electronics awarded by the University of Delhi is recognised by Government for purposes of recruitment to higher posts and services under the Central Government ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the time by which the above degree will be recognised by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a). The Degrees and Diplomas awarded by Universities and Institutions established under Acts of Parliament or of State Legislatures do not require any further recognition by the Government for purposes of employment. The M. Tech. Degree in Microwave Electronics awarded by the Delhi University does not, therefore, need any further recognition from Government for employment purposes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of Bombay Sangli track into Broad Gauge

625. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the scheme of converting the Bombay Sangli track into a broad gauge ;

(b) if so, at what point of time this was done ;

(c) what is the progress made since then and at what stage the work stands ; and

(d) what allocations have been made in the Seventh Plan for this line ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (d). A.B.G. Line already exists between Bombay and Sangli. The conversion of the M.G. line from Pune to Miraj via Sangli was completed many years back.

Derecognition of Patliputra Medical College and Hospital, Dhanbad

626. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medical Council has derecognised Patliputra Medical College and Hospital of Dhanbad, Bihar for the second time ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether Government are planning to hand over the Medical College and Hospital to Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., and

(d) if so, reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Patliputra Medical College, Dhanbad was provisionally approved by the Medical Council of India for award of MBBS degrees of the Ranchi University upto 3.4. 1982 and all students admitted to that College before the said date were declared eligible for registration on the passing they final MBBS examination. The Council has yet take the final decision

whether the approval should be extended beyond 30.4.1982. The question of de-recognition of the Medical College for the second time does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government of India have no information in this regard. Such a decision will have to be taken by the State Government.

Length of Roads in Delhi

627. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi has the highest per capita and per square kilometre length of motorable roads ;

(b) if so, the total length of single lane, two lanes, 4 lanes and 6 lanes roads indicating the total area of roads in Delhi and the total investment made during the last 3 years ; and

(c) what is the total number of vehicles (motorable and non-motorable) in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The length of motorable roads per 100 square kilometres in Delhi is 1063.30 kilometers which is the highest in the country. The length of motorable road per lakh of population in Delhi is 254.84 kilometres which is not the highest in the country.

(b) The total length of single lane, two lanes, 4 lanes and 6 lanes (consolidated) and the expenditure incurred on roads and bridges in Delhi during the last 3 years is reported to be as under :

Year	Length of roads in kms	Expenditure in lakhs of rupees
1981-82	15,790	3801
1982-83	15,808	3535
1983-84	16,116	2707

(c) The total number of motor vehicles in Delhi as on 31st March, 1985 has been reported as 8.41 lakhs. As non-motorised vehicles are not registered, data pertaining to their number are not available.

Allocation for Eradication of Malaria cut down

628. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Malaria Eradication programme is in for its biggest setback as the Planning Commission has slashed down allocation for the same ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the outlay proposed to be cut along with reasons.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). The Seventh Five Year Plan proposals for National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural), Urban Malaria Scheme and National Filaria Control Programme had sought for an outlay of Rs. 1026 crores under both the Central share and the State share. Against the requirement, the tentative allocation of Rs. 370 crore for the Seventh Five Year Plan for these schemes has been agreed to. With this tentative allocation, it may be difficult to continue the implementation of these three programmes on the existing pattern. In order to cope with the situation some alternative strategies are being considered.

Repair of the Road Bridge, over River Gomti between Varanasi and Gazipur

629. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the road bridge on the river Gomti between Varanasi and Ghazipur on Varanasi-Gorakhpur National Highway is damaged for more than three years ;

(b) if so, the reasons for not repairing it ; and

(c) when the repair work is expected to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). There is no major damage to the bridge. Only the floating spans resting on abutments have sunk and consequently the parapet