

[*Translation*]

**Introduction of link train between  
Delhi-Bikaner**

3550. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for introduction of a link train between Delhi and Bikaner ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Two pairs of Mail/Express trains already link Bikaner with Delhi. In addition, a link express is proposed from 1-4-1986 between Bikaner and Loharu, which will connect Shakhawati Express running between Jaipur and Delhi via Loharu.

[*English*]

**Ahmedabad circular train**

3551. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a proposal regarding starting of a circular train to relieve over congestion in Ahmedabad ;

(b) whether preliminary survey for the proposed circular train has been made ;

(c) if so, details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d). Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways), Bombay at the instance and cost of Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation is conducting a Techno-Economic Feasibility Study for Commuter Railway

Line within the city of Ahmedabad. Preliminary report covering details of various alignments and technical details has been submitted to the Ahmedabad Development Authority for eliciting their views.

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**Replacing old railway lines and conversion  
of lines into B.G. in Rajasthan**

3552. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum making a request to the effect that while implementing the decision for replacing the old railway lines by new ones in Rajasthan the work for converting these lines into broad gauge lines should also be taken up ; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gauge Conversion project involves complete change of system and not merely change of rails. Substantially large expenditure has to be incurred in carrying out modifications to existing bridges, formation, sleepers, ballast and yard layouts and structures to suit the dimensions for the broad gauge.

[*English*]

**Shifting of Flood Forecasting Division  
from Burla, Orissa**

3553. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to shift the Central