

Howrah-Amta B.G. Line

1404. **SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH :**
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of work completed to date, on the Howrah-Amta Broad Gauge line ;

(b) whether the progress of work is satisfactory in terms of target ;

(c) when the work is likely to be completed ; and

(d) whether there is any escalation in the cost of the project, if so details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Phase-I from Santragachi to Bargachia (24 kms.) i.e. 32.4 percent has been completed.

(b) and (c) Further progress and completion of the line will depend on availability of funds in the coming years.

(d) Present estimated cost is Rs. 60 crores against original estimated cost of Rs. 18.72 crores in 1974-75.

Conversion of Guntur-Dronachalam Railway Line in Andhra Pradesh

1405. **SHRI C. SAMBHU :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the Metre Gauge line into Broad Gauge line between Guntur-Dronachalam in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Survey for conversion from M.G. to B.G.

between Guntur and Dronachalam and separate parallel line from Kurnool Town to Guntakal via Dronachalam (470 Kms.) has been taken up.

[*Translation*]

Payment of Dues of Retired Employees in Baroda Division

1406. **SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees retired from Baroda Division of Western Railway during the period from 1 January, 1985 to 31st July, 1986 ;

(b) the number out of these employees whose cases of pension, gratuity etc, have not yet been cleared ;

(c) the number of employees out of them who have since died but their dues have not yet been paid to their families ; and

(d) the time by which the dues of the deceased employees are proposed to be paid by Government to their families ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) 669.

(b) There are 70 employees whose gratuity has not been paid mainly due to non-vacation of Railway quarters by them. Names of the employees will constitute a lengthy list and will be furnished, if desired later.

(c) Nil

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Conference of G.Ms' Of Zonal Railways

1407. **SHRI P.M. SAYEED :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :