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**Conversion of Morabad Ramnagar
Railway Line**

2521. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work of conversion relating to Moradabad-Ramnagar narrow gauge line into broad gauge line is likely to be completed this year;

(b) if so, the provision made for this purpose for the year 1987-88; and

(c) if no provision has been made, the time by which funds required for the completion of this work are likely to be arranged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Conversion of Moradabad-Kashipur section from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge of Moradabad-Ramnagar Metre Gauge line is likely to be completed by 30.9.1987. Outlay of Rs. 156 crores is proposed for it during 1987-88. Work for conversion between Kashipur and Ramnagar can then be considered for being taken up.

[*English*]

**Deterioration in Health and Medical
Education**

2522. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any critical study has been made by Government to know the major causes for the continuous deterioration in health and medical education in the country and to what extent the mushrooming of the sub-standard medical colleges is responsible for the deterioration;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c). The Government of India constituted a Medical Education Review Committee in 1981 to *inter-alia* suggest measures aimed at bringing about overall improvement in the undergraduate and postgraduate medical education : The Report of the Committee was placed on the Table of the Sabha on the 2nd May, 1986 indicating the action taken on the recommendations. As a follow-up action, it has been decided to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 so as to empower the Medical Council and the Central Government to take effective steps to bring about further improvements in the standards of medical education in the country.

Indira Gandhi Canal Project

2523. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN :
SHRI C.D. GAMIT :
SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN :
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indira Gandhi Canal Project formerly known as the Rajasthan Canal Project was inaugurated on 31 March, 1958;

(b) the original estimate of the project and the date for its completion;

(c) the progress made, amount spent and the area benefited so far;

(d) the revised estimate and the revised target date for its completion;

(e) the reasons for delay in its completion as per schedule and the steps taken from time to time to adhere to schedule; and

(f) whether any enquiry has been held into the causes for delay and/or the