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17.	Rajasthan	8	482.56
18.	Sikkim	2	18.00
19.	Tamilnadu	28	317.36
20.	Uttar Pradesh	22	1112.34
21.	West Bengal	4	319.64

Conversion of Railway Lines in Karnataka

5125. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has been repeatedly requesting for a rapid conversion of trunk routes into broad gauge for some of the lines in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received by Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Union Government and when the task is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Minister of Public Works, Command Area Development and Irrigation, Government of Karnataka vide his letter dated June 3, 1987 had requested to expedite conversion of Bangalore-Mysore MG line into BG. Outlay for this project in 1987-88 has been increased from original grant of Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 3 crore. Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Requests had also been received earlier for conversion of Bangalore-Miraj MG line and connected branch lines into BG. It has not been possible to take up these conversions in view of constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand.

Request for Additional Trains from Bhusaval to Varangaon and Bombay

5126. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from Jalgaon District, S. T. and Rail Passengers Sangh about passenger difficulties;

(b) if so, whether the Sangh has requested for providing additional trains from Bhusaval to Varangaon and Bhusaval to Bombay to reduce hardships of rail passengers on these lines; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Sangh has requested for provision of additional trains between Manmad-Varangaon and Bhusaval-Bombay.

(c) Due to lack of terminal facilities at Varangaon, paucity of spare line capacity on sections enroute and availability of adequate rail facilities between Bhusaval and Bombay, the proposals have not been found feasible.

Expansion of Nagpur Railway Station

5127. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expansion work of Nagpur Railway station is lagging behind due to which commuters have to face great difficulties;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion work done during the last 6 months; and

(c) the details of further expansion programme at Nagpur station and when the task is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Expansion work in Nagpur Railway Station is being progressed as found necessary.

(b) The following improvements/works have been carried out recently at Nagpur Station:

- (i) Modernisation and expansion of base kitchen.
- (ii) Improvements to Tea Stall on Platform Nos. 1 to 7.
- (iii) Improvements to furniture in waiting rooms.
- (iv) Provision of Master Water Cooler on Platform No. 1.
- (v) Provision of AC Retiring Room on 1st Floor.
- (vi) Provision of Sodium Vapour Lamps on Platforms No. 1 to 3.
- (vii) Provision of Master Water Cooler on Platforms No. 2 and 3.
- (viii) Modernisation and replacement of Public Address System.

(c) The following schemes are being taken up at Nagpur Station:

- (i) Extension of cover over portion of Platform Nos. 4 and 5.
- (ii) Provision of cement concrete

washable apron on Platform Line Nos. 3 and 4.

(iii) Extension of foot-over-bridge towards Santra Market side and existing building side with Booking Offices.

(iv) Extension of foot-over-bridge on Itarsi side upto Platform No. 6.

Preliminary arrangements such as preparation/sanctioning of estimates, finalisation of tenders/fabrication of steel works, etc. are in process.

Efforts will be made to complete all these works within 89-90 subject to availability of funds.

Increase in Staff of Central Hindi Directorate

5128. SHRI S. THANGARAJU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for strengthening the staff of the Central Hindi Directorate in view of the increased inflow of Tamil letters in the correspondence courses;

(b) the steps being taken to increase the number of posts of Assistant Education Officers (Tamil) both technical and non-technical;

(c) whether it is proposed to fill up the post of Technical Assistance of Tamil in the Central Hindi Directorate, which is lying vacant since 1985; and

(d) if so, the time by which this post will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government follows a prescribed procedure for creation of posts. Proposal for creation of additional posts of