

the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any date has been fixed to complete the gauge conversion work on the remaining part of Moradabad-Ramnagar Railway line; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work on the remaining part will be completed and the amount of expenditure proposed to be incurred for the purpose during this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The work is planned to be completed by the end of June, 1988. Rs. 1.56 crores have been provided for expenditure during 1987-88.

Winsor forest

974. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from Uttar Pradesh Government for declaring Winsor forest area in Almorah as sanctuary; and

(b) if so, whether views of the local administration of this area have been sought in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No Sir. Under the provisious of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 the State Government is empowered to declare and establish a Sanctuary.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Hostel for Safdarjung Hospital Nurses

975. CHOWDHRY AKHTAR HASAN : SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the hostel for nurses in the Safdarjung Hospital is lying vacant and if so, since when; and

(b) the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDEJ) : (a) and (b) The newly constructed building meant as Hostel for Nurses is still to be handed over to the Safdarjung Hospital by the CPWD for want of 'No Objection', Certificate from the N.D.M.C.

[Translation]

Employment to persons trained by D.T.C.

976. CHOWDHRY AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons imparted training by the Delhi Transport Corporation every year;

(b) the number of those persons who after having been trained by the D.T.C. have not been provided any employment so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide employment to such persons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (d). During the last 3 years, D.T.C imparted training to 551 persons prior to appointment as Conductors and Drivers. Out of these, 1817 persons trained for appointment as Conductors are awaiting appointment. They will be considered for appointment as soon as vacancies occur.

[English]

Metro Railways

977. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in regard to the construction of Metro Railway in Calcutta;

(b) when this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct such railway in other big cities also;

(d) if so, the names of those cities which have been selected for this purpose; and

(e) whether the survey work has been started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) 66.5 per cent (upto 30-9-1987).

(b) By December, 1990 subject to the availability of funds and the State Government handing over physical possession of 13 plots of land immediately.

(c) There is no such approved proposal.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Electrification of Railways Tracks

978. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

SHRI V. S. VIJAYA-

RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total length of rail tracks which have been electrified so far in the country with zone-wise break-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Details of total route Kms (Zone-wise) electrified upto October, 1987, are as under :

	<i>Route Kms.</i>
Central Railway	1142
Eastern Railway	1244
Northern Railway	876
Southern Railway	595
South Central Railway	597
South Eastern Railway	1989
Western Railway	1301
Total	7739

Indian vessels hit in the Gulf

979. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian ships which were hit in the Gulf in the Iran-Iraq war during September and October, 1987;

(b) the total loss suffered by the various Indian Shipping Companies as a result thereof;

(c) whether there were any casualties: and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH FILOT) : (a) One ship MT SPIC EMERALD' was hit on 2.10.87.

(b) The estimated loss suffered by the vessel will be known only after vessel is dry docked.

(c) and (d). There was no loss of life or injury to any crew.

Visit of Iranian Delegation

980. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Iran is believed to have received its interest in Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. which it abandoned midway seven years ago;

(b) whether any Iranian official level Delegation visited India for holding discussion with the Indian authorities;

(c) if so, what were the issues which figured in the talks; and

(d) what was the Iranian Government's reaction to the disbursement of the balance amount for the project which it had originally committed under a financial agreement ?