

(c) whether the Railways have sanctioned this scheme; and

(d) if so, when the work is likely to start?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cost of this 21.5 km long rail line was estimated at Rs.12.57 crores in 1985.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Projection Trends in Literacy

3607. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar General, India and the Population Institute of the East-West Centre of the United States of America have conducted research study about the projection trends in literacy rates in India; and

(b) if so, the projections made in regard to achieving full literacy rate in different States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. This study was undertaken as a part of the collaborative research study under the Demographic Analysis component of the agreement on Family Planning Communications and Marketing between Government of India and the United States of America through the Agency for International Development. The study on 'Recent Literacy Trends in India' was taken up by Shri O.P. Sharma, Deputy Director of Census Operations of the Office of the Registrar General, India and Dr. Robert D. Retherford, Assistant Director, East-West Population Institute, United States of America.

(b) A statement showing the projection made in the study is given below. The projections of literacy rates furnished in this study report are not the views of the office of the Registrar General, India or the Government of India but are purely results of the study carried out by the authors. The authors have admitted that these are projections and not a certainty and that goal of full literacy could be achieved sooner if National Policy on Education--1986 is implemented successfully. The Government has commenced implementation of various schemes regarding Universalisation of Elementary Education, Non Formal Education and National Literacy Mission.

#### STATEMENT

The projections are based on the trend in literacy rate observed between 1971 and 1981 and the authors have assumed that during each future decade the literacy rate will increase by an amount equal to the amount by which it increased between 1971 and 1981. They have admitted that "the method used to project literacy rates is crude". The authors also state that this is only a projection and not a certainty and clarify that the goal of full literacy could be achieved sooner if current efforts to accelerate the pace of educational improvement through the National Policy on Education-1986, are successful.

India/State/ Union Territory	No. of decades required to achieve full literacy (excluding 0-5 age group)
1	2
INDIA *	7.2
<i>STATES</i>	
1. Andhra Pradesh	10.3
2. Bihar	9.4
3. Gujarat	5.2

1	2
4. Haryana	5.3
5. Himachal Pradesh	4.0
6. Jammu & Kashmir	7.2
7. Karnataka	6.7
8. Kerala	1.5
9. Madhya Pradesh	10.0
10. Maharashtra	4.7
11. Manipur	5.2
12. Meghalaya	11.1
13. Nagaland	2.8
14. Orissa	6.3
15. Punjab	6.1
16. Rajasthan	11.4
17. Sikkim	3.1
18. Tamil Nadu	5.2
19. Tripura	3.8
20. Uttar Pradesh	10.6
21. West Bengal	5.7
<b>UNION TERRITORIES</b>	
1. A & N Islands	4.2
2. Arunachal Pradesh @	6.8
3. Chandigarh	6.3
4. D & N Haveli	5.0
5. Delhi	4.8
6. Goa @, Daman & Diu	2.4
7. Lakshadweep	2.6

1	2
8. Mizoram @	4.1
9. Pondicherry	3.0

\* Excludes Assam.

@ Arunachal Pradesh, Goa & Mizoram have since become States.

### **Procurement of Fabricated Points and Crossings**

3608. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the quantities of different types of fabricated points and crossings procured by the Railways during the last three financial years;

(b) what were the prices quoted by different manufacturers in these three financial years; and

(c) which were the manufacturers that received orders from the Railways, the quantity of orders received by each manufacturer and the actual supplies made by them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The total number of fabricated points and crossings procured during the last 3 financial years i.e. 1984-85 to 1986-87, was 48,188. This represents the sum of the number of pairs of switches and the number of crossings supplied during the period by the different manufacturers, other than railway workshops (the type-wise break-up of the aforesaid quantities is not obtainable). The corresponding figure in respect of manufacture in railway workshops is being collected and will be furnished later on.

(b) As per Annexure 1. [Placed in the library. See No. LT/5760/88.]