

1	2	3	4
Western	1,021,391	948,248	857,393
Total	8,111,413	7,271,067	6,717,520

Details of expenditure on Fuel/Energy for traction purposes.

(In thousands of Rupees)

Railways	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4
Central	187,95,44	212,94,79	215,49,21
Eastern	142,03,49	158,97,25	162,44,11
Northern	183,63,28	203,30,44	215,76,78
N. Eastern	53,34,05	63,88,52	60,41,57
N. Frontier	29,96,64	37,30,93	36,27,86
Southern	91,39,04	90,31,73	93,71,28
S. Central	109,81,38	117,05,47	127,45,40
S. Eastern	145,64,37	162,67,32	180,25,72
Western	143,05,11	158,61,22	167,83,99
Total	10,86,82,80	12,05,07,67	12,59,65,92

**Conversion of Latur-Kurudwadi via
Osmanabad line**

7423. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for conversion of narrow gauge line into broad gauge from Latur to Kurudwadi via Osmanabad has been completed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made so far in the

matter; and

(c) the time by which the conversion work of this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). A survey for conversion from NG to BG of the Miraj-Latur line via Kurudwadi and Osmanabad, and its extension to Latur Road, totalling 359 km was undertaken in 1975-76. The project was then estimated to cost Rs. 43.12

crores, and it was found to be financially unremunerative. As such, there has been no proposal to take up conversion of this line.

Irrigation Potential from Lift Irrigation in Andhra Pradesh

7424. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total lift irrigation potential in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of schemes exploited in the State as on 31 March, 1989;
- (c) the guidelines issued by Union Government to harness the remaining lift irrigation potential;
- (d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached Union Government for financial help and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). Against 42 lakhs ha. of ultimate minor irrigation potential including lift irrigation schemes in Andhra Pradesh irrigation potential of 27.07 lakhs ha. is likely to be created by March, 1989. Under Surface water minor lift irrigation schemes the irrigation potential created upto 1986-87 is 1.11 lakhs ha.

(c) to (e). Minor irrigation schemes are funded and implemented by the State Government from their own budgetary resources. These are not referred to Central Government for any section. However to accelerate the pace of development of minor irrigation, Central Government provides assistance to States including Andhra Pradesh through

Centrally Sponsored Schemes, like Small & Marginal Farmers Scheme, Special Foodgrain Production Programme, NREP, RLFGP.

[*Translation*]

Out Agency at Pauri and Srinagar

7425. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway out agencies in Pauri and Srinagar in Garhwal division of Uttar Pradesh have been closed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to reopen these agencies;
- (d) if so, when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Cut agencies at Pauri and Srinagar in Garhwal were closed due to resignation of contractors.

(c) to (e). These out agencies could be opened as soon as suitable contractors are found to operate them on the standard terms and conditions.

[*English*]

Business by STC.

7426. SHRI ATISH CHANDRA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Trading Corporation (STC) has been losing substantial business abroad due to stiff competition from