

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) to (d) Due to heavy and unprecedented rains in the area, there were land slides at Km. 128/5-8 on Lumding-Badarpur MG section of Northeast Frontier Railway. Two bridges No. 433 and 434, were damaged. The traffic was suspended on this section on 5th June, 1985. Immediate measures were taken to repair the bank and to provide temporary bridges. Traffic was restored on this section on 25th June, 1985. Constant watch is being kept on this section. As a long term remedial measure, the alignment is being diverted at the location of bridges No. 433 and 434.

[*Translation*]

**Lowering of level of Railway track near Bankaghat Railway Station**

1406. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to lower the level of the railway track at the rail bridge situated somewhat in the east from Bankaghat railway station on the Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, whether it will require lowering the level of the land below the bridge ;

(c) if so, whether it would create difficulties for the pedestrians and vehicles ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to construct an overbridge there in order to remove the difficulty ; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this direction so far ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) and (b) The girders of Bridge No. 83 (1 × 10') near Fatwa end of Bankaghat station are old and corroded. These are proposed to be replaced by Reinforced Cement Concrete slab. To keep the vertical clearance unaffected for road traffic passing below, the road level is proposed to be lowered by 1 Ft. 4 Inches.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

**Use of Railway Plant and Welding Machine at Bandel**

1407. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway plant at Bandel was overhauled but not made use of ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a new rail welding machine purchased in the year 1983 had not been utilised ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) when the plant and welding machine would be used and the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) No, Sir. The plant, after overhauling, was used from Dec. 1976 to Jan., 1978.

(b) No, Sir. No new rail welding machine has been purchased in 1983 for Bandel.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) the plant at Bandel has outlived its economical life and is not proposed to be used any further.

**Survey of Chengannoor-Kottarakkara-Vembayam-Trivandrum Rail Line**

1408. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey work for construction of a new rail line, Chengannoor-Kottarakkara-Vembayam-Trivandrum has been taken up ;

(b) if so, how much amount has been allotted ; and

(c) by when the survey of the said new line is likely to be completed ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 18.87 lakh.

(c) The Survey is likely to be completed in 1986.