

the bridge proper will be taken up after completing the detailed designs etc. subject to availability of resources.

For conversion of the Gauhati-Dibrugarh MG line into BG a Final Location survey is in progress. In the meantime, a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic survey has recently been completed, sponsored by the North Eastern Council, for an alternative BG route from Gauhati to Dibrugarh connecting important towns of Assam viz. Nowgong, Jorhat, Sibsagar. A decision about extension of broad gauge line beyond Gauhati will be taken after Survey Report for conversion of existing MG line from Gauhati to Dibrugarh is also received and scrutinised, subject to availability of resources.

**Conversion of M.G. line from Katihar to Siliguri and Siliguri to Alipur Duar junction**

676. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of M.G. line from Katihar to Siliguri and Siliguri to Alipur Duar junction will be taken up soon; and

(b) if so, by which time it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Diesel Loco-workshop at Alipur Duar junction**

677. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a diesel Loco-workshop at Alipur Duar junction;

(b) if so, step taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate capacity being available for day to day maintenance and periodical overhaul of Diesel locomotives working on the N.F. Railway, there is at present no proposal with the Government to set up a Diesel Loco Workshop at Alipur Duar Junction.

These facilities are at present available in the N.F. Railway at Siliguri, Malda and New Gauhati.

**Dilapidated condition of Raza Library, Rampur**

678. PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rampur Raza Library, Rampur possesses rarest manuscripts enshrining India's rich traditions and culture;

(b) whether manuscripts and research library is closed to researchers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Opening of Rural Sports Centres**

679. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Rural Sports Centres opened in different States so far;

(b) the amount of Central assistance