

जोड़ने के लिए बरौनी से कटिहार के बीच तक बड़ी लाइन बिछायी जायगी ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) : (क) दिल्ली और पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में न्यू बॉगाईगांव के बीच फरक्का के रास्ते बड़ी लाइन सम्पर्क पहले से ही मौजूद है। यदि बरौनी-कटिहार लाइन को बड़े आमान में बदल दिया जाये, तो दूरी कम हो जायेगी।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) बरौनी-कटिहार खण्ड को मीटर आमान से बड़े आमान में बदलने के लिए प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी-एवं यातायात सर्वेक्षण कर लिये गये हैं। आमान परिवर्तन की इस योजना का काम शुरू करने के प्रश्न पर विचार अभी किया जायेगा, जब वाराबंकी-समस्तीपुर और बॉगाईगांव, गुवाहाटी खण्डों के आमान परिवर्तन का काम, जो स्वीकृति-प्राप्त योजनाएं हैं, काफी आगे बढ़ जायेगा।

#### **Rail connection between Salem and Trichy**

39. SHRI P. KANNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Salem with Trichy by rail; and

(b) if so, when will it start working?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). These places are already connected by rail via Erode and Karur. There is, however, no proposal to provide a new direct link.

#### **Conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge in Vidarbha Region**

40. SHRI GEV. M. AVARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the programme of conversion of metre gauge railway line into broad gauge railway line in the Vidarbha

area of the Maharashtra State, during the current Five Year Plan or in the next Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): It is presumed that the reference is to Khandwa-Purna metre gauge railway line. Construction of a portion of this line from Khandwa to Hingoli passing through Vidarbha region was completed in 1961. There is no programme for gauge conversion of this line at present.

#### **proposal to run fast trains on metre gauge lines in Vidharbha Region**

41. SHRI GEV. M. AVARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering any proposal to run fast trains on metre-gauge line in Vidharbha area of Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): Yes.

#### **Proposals for double lines and halt stations in West Bengal**

42. SHRI SOUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for (i) double lines (ii) halt stations under consideration by Government in West Bengal for the last one year; and

(b) which ones have been sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) (i) 2.

(ii) 16.

(b) Of the above, the following five halt stations on the Eastern Railway have been sanctioned:—

1. Harish Nagar—between Banpur and Gede.

2. Satberia—between Bongaon and Gopal Nagar.