

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 बॉंगार्डगांव 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 बॉंगार्डगांव, 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 DANDEVATE): (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 DANDEVATE): 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 DANDEVATE): 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 DANDEVATE): (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.

3. Madartalla—between Sonarpur Junction and Kalikapur.

4. Bhapla—between Champapukur and Bashirhat.

5. Lake Garden—between Ballygunj and Kalighat.

Production of molasses

43. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rates of molasses produced by the sugar factories are controlled; and

(b) if so, price of molasses fixed in different States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes Sir. The Central Government exercises control on the prices of molasses under the Central Molasses Control Order, 1961 as amended from time to time. This Order is applicable to all the States other than U.P., Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal which have fixed the prices of molasses under their own Molasses Control Acts.

(b) The current price of Grade I sugar factory molasses in all the States except Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal is fixed at Rs. 6 per 100 kilograms.

The prices in the States of Punjab, Haryana and West Bengal are as follows:—

(Price Rs. per 100 kilograms)			
Punjab	Haryana	West Bengal	
For	For	For	
Distilleries	Industries	Industries	
1.00	3.00	6.00	2.68

Double railway line between Bongaon and Calcutta

44. SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the work on double line between Bongaon and Calcutta will be taken up during the financial year 1977-78?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): The resources position does not allow this work to be taken up in 1977-78.

New railway lines sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh

45. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway lines recommended by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up by the Central Government;

(b) the lines sanctioned out of them this year; and

(c) when the sanctioned lines will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) The following Railway lines have been proposed by the Andhra Pradesh State Government:—

(i) Nadikude-Bibinagar Broad Gauge line—150 kms.

(ii) Ramagundam — Nizamabad Broad Gauge line—160 kms.

(b) Construction of Nadikude-Bibinagar new line is an approved work. Survey for the line from Ramagundam to Nizamabad has also been approved.

(c) Construction of the Bibinagar-Nalgonda section (74 kms.) of Nadikude-Bibinagar line has been taken up in the first phase. Survey for Ramagundam-Nizamabad line is in hand and its construction will be considered after completion of the survey.