

### Conversion of Pratap Nagar-Chhotande- pur N.G. Line

1404. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of engineering and traffic survey undertaken and completed on the conversion of Partapnagar-Chhotande-  
pur and Chhotudepura-Tanakhla N.G. railway line on the Baroda Division of the Western Railway and the amount spent thereon ;

(b) when the gauge conversion work will start ;

(c) whether any provision has been made in the Budget ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN : (a) to (d). Consequent on the recommendations of the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee, 1969 for conversion of Chhota Udaipur-Paratapnagar and Chhuchupara-Tankhala narrow gauge sections into broad gauge, a traffic survey was carried out in 1971-72 at a cost of Rs. 76,000/-. It was found that the project was not financially viable.

The State Government of Gujarat have been pressing for the conversion of this line in the light of the quantum of traffic to be moved for the proposed Navagam Dam. The State Govt. have also decided to bear the survey charges of Rs. 5 lakhs. Further action will be taken by the Railway Administration as soon as the State Government deposit the survey charges.

### Cast Railway Wheels

1405. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plant has been set up in Karnataka for manufacturing cast railway wheels ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN : (a) Yes.

(b) The Indian Railways are meeting their requirements of wheelsets, tyres and axles from two plants in the country namely Hindustan Steel, Durgapur & TISCO,

as well as from imports. About 50% of the Railways requirement is imported. In order to prevent a heavy drain on foreign exchange it was decided to set up a Wheel & Axle Plant at Yelahanka, Bangalore. The estimated cost of Rs. 38-39 crores for the Project is under revision at present. The Plant is expected to commence phased production in 1982-83.

The Sizes of wheels to be manufactured at Yelahanka range from 725 mm to 1090mm dia and comprise 5 types of wheels. In addition, the plant is programmed to manufacture 50 types of axles which represent a major cross section of different types used on the Railways.

### Central Assistance to States to open mobile Health units in Rural Areas

1406. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide Central assistance to the States to open mobile health units in the rural areas ;

(b) if so, whether any assistance has been given to Orissa under this head ; and

(c) the number of villages which have been provided with such family in the Kunijhar district of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) to (c). There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government of India. However, under the Re-orientation of Medical Education Scheme, three mobile clinics have been provided to each medical college in the country. In Orissa, 9 mobile medical clinics have been supplied to the three Medical Colleges namely, S.C.B Medical College, Cuttack, V.S.S. Medical College, Bhurta, Sambalpur and M.C.G. Medical College, Berhampur in the State. These three mobile clinics are meant to operate in and serve the areas covered by the three PHCs attached to each medical college, in the districts in which medical college is situated.