are also being used by the Govt, employees who sit late in the offices. On route No. 680 and 340, the Corporation has provided trips after 11 P.M. as some traffic is available on these routes. In addition, regular night services are also operating to cater to the travel needs of commuters who have to perform their duties late in the night.

- (c) At present the Corporation is operating a trip at 11.05 P.M. on route No. 810 leaving Central Secretariat (Church Road) Bus stand for Tilak Nagar, DTC has not received any demand for operating a trip at 11.35 P.M. In case such a demand is received and sufficient traffic load is available, a trip at 11.35 P.M. may be provided by DTC.
 - (d) Does not arise.

Diverse Cadres in foreign Services

2243. SWAMI INDERVESH: SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: SHRI JARESH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have seen the press report published in the Indian Express of the 19th January, 1981, under the heading "Caste system in foreign service";
- (b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and
 - (c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). For various reasons, which are largely based on functional requirements, a number of cadres have been built up under the Ministry of External Affairs. On account of changed circumstances, some of these cadres have either outlived their utility or have, in fact increased in importance.

The Ministry are aware of the need rto rationalise the cadre situation and

is examining various possibilities, such as elimination or absorption of smaller cadres so as to reduce the extent and range of the problem. While rationalising the cadre etructure, the Ministry would naturally keep in mind the interests of functional efficiency and of economy in administration.

Assensment of the Working of Mental Hospital in India

2244. SHRI CHHANGUR RAM: SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAIRE be pleased to state.

- (a) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the working of the various mental hospitals in the country particularly in respect of the treatment being provided to the patients, conditions in which they are being kept in the hospitals and their confinement even after their recovery when they are no longer required to be kept in the mental hospitals:
- (b) if so, the result thereof and the steps contemplated by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider the desirability of making such a study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Conversion of Sholapur-Gadag line

2245. SHRI K. B. CHOUDHARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposition convert the Sholapur-Gadag line into Broad-gauge; and
- (b) if so, when the conversion is work will start?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAILLIKARJUN): (a) A Survey for conversion of this line into broad gauge is in progress.

(b) A decision can be taken only after the Survey is completed.

Railway line During Sixth Plan

2246. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the name_S of places where Government propose to construct Railway line during the Sixth Plan period and their basis; and

(b) the estimated amount to be incurred for the construction of rail-way lines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN); (a) and (b). Allocation of funds for new lines during the 6th Plan ís Rs. crores (Rs. 240 crores for going schemes and Rs. 140 crores for new schemes). Based on this, BG rail link from Telapur to Patancheru (8.31 kms.) in Andhra Pradesh has been proposed in the Budget for 1981-82 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.22 crores. Following new schemes are under consideration in consultation with the Planning Commission inclusion in the 6th Plan:-

S.No.	Name of the Project			Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)	Outlay during 1980—85
ı.	Koraput-Rayagada BG line (174 · 2 Kms.)—Orissa			113.10	60· o
2.	Jammu-Udhampur (40 Kms.)J.&K			41.00	30.00
3.	Jogighopa Bridge Assam			60.00	20.00
4.	Karur-Dindigul-Tuticorin BG line (325 Kms.)—Ta	milna	du	42•86	27.78

लाइनों के परिवर्तन का प्राप्त लक्ष्य

- 2247 श्री श्रीनुल बक्कर : क्या रोल संत्री यह बताने की कृपा करोंगे कि :
- (क) क्या छोटी लाइनों को बड़ी लाइनों में बदलने का पिछले बजट में निर्धारित सक्य प्राप्त कर लिया गया है; और
- (स) यदि नहाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेस मंत्रासय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मिलकार्यून): (क) और (स) जी हां, गुजरात राज्य में वीरमगाम ओबा/पोरबंदर बामान परिवर्तन योजना को प्रथम चरण के रूप में वीरमगाम से हापा (268 कि. मी.) तक का भाग 17-6-1.980 को बड़ी लाइन के यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है। सोनपुर-छपरा तक 54 कि. मी. लम्बे अन्य खंड को 14-2-1981 को यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है। छपरा-बाराबंकी खंड पर आमान परिवर्तन का काम अच्छी प्रगति पर है और आशा है यह कार्य इस वर्ष के दौरान ही विभिन्न चरणों में पूरा हो जायेगा। न्यू बोगाई गांव और गुवाहाटी के बीच सामानान्तर बड़ी लाइन विछान का काम प्रगति पर है और आशा है यह काम चून, 1982 तक पूरा हो जायेगा ।