

Conversion of Darbhanga-Jayanagar Line

4326. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Budget speech of 1980-81 the then Railway Minister had assured the House that survey work for conversion of Darbhanga to Jayanagar Meter Gauge line would be taken upon priority basis;

(b) if so whether the above work has been completed; and

(c) if not, what is the stage of conversion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The survey work is expected to be completed by 30-6-1981.

(c) The matter would be examined further on receipt of survey report and if found viable the project would be undertaken for construction subject to clearance and allotment of funds by the Planning Commission

Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga Line

4327. SHRI HARINATH MISRA:

SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey work for opening of a new line between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga has been completed;

(b) if so, whether this work is going to be taken up in near future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). As per survey report the project was not found financially viable and has not been taken up for construction.

Conversion of Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj Line

4328. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for converting metre gauge line into broad gauge line from Darbhanga to Narkatiaganj; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No

(b) A survey was carried out during 1969-70 for conversion of the existing M G. line from Samastipur to Raxaul via Muzaffarpur and also via Darbhanga. Since these projects were yielding a very low return the same were not pursued in full. Only the section from Samastipur to Muzaffarpur was converted into B G. in 1975 and gauge conversion of Samastipur and Darbhanga section has been approved and will be taken up shortly.

Purchase offices

4329. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the purchase offices set up to purchase goods required for Railways are located outside the