

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b). The conversion of Kurudwadi Miraj—Kolhapur line into B.G. is included as a proposal in the Second Five Year Plan. Preliminary Engineering and Final Location surveys for the portion from Kurudwadi to Miraj are in progress. The Poona-Miraj-Kolhapur conversion is also being simultaneously surveyed in this context.

(c) No, Sir.

Parvatipuram-Gunupuram Rail Link

1346. Shri Dora: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for a line from Parvatipuram town to Gunupuram on South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to Parvatipuram-Gunupuram rail link. Gunupur is already linked by rail with Parvatipuram via Naupada.

(b) Does not arise.

Nadiad-Kapadvanj Line

1347. Shri Fatehsinh Ghodasar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to convert the narrow gauge line from Nadiad to Kapadvanj on Western Railway into a broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, when the conversion work is proposed to be undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wagon Supply at Mettupalayam

1348. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 589 on the 12th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether on the 20th and 21st August, 1957, a very large quantity of potatoes were deteriorating in sun and rain in Mettupalayam (Southern Railway) goods-shed open yard for want of empty wagons, as the concerned authorities were unable to provide wagons in spite of repeated requests; and

(b) if so, the action taken to clear the potatoes?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b). Government is not aware of large quantities of potatoes deteriorating in the goods shed and yard at Mettupalayam for want of wagons. On the 20th August 35 wagons and on the 21st August 28 wagons were loaded with potatoes from Mettupalayam. The outstanding registrations at Mettupalayam were only 27 wagons on 20th and 36 wagons on 21st August, from which it will be seen that clearance of this traffic is satisfactory.

P. & T. Offices and Public Call Offices

1349. Shri Subodh Hasda: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many new Post-Offices, Telegraph Offices and Public Call Offices have been opened by Government since the inception of the Second Five Year Plan and how many persons have been provided with job; and

(b) whether these jobs are temporary or permanent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Opened from 1.4.56 to 31.7.57.

Post Offices	..	3,778
Telegraph Offices	..	472
Public Call Offices.	..	310