

Katihar is going to be closed and shifted to some other place;

(b) if so, what prompted this decision; and

(c) whether there is still scope of reversing this decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Loco shed and the store of N.F. Railway at Katihar is not going to be closed. MG Loco Shed is proposed to be shifted and combined with the existing BG loco shed at Katihar. There is no proposal for shifting of stores depot from the existing site at Katihar.

(b) In view of conversion of Barauni-Katihar MG section into BG, remodeling of Katihar yard has been considered necessary.

(c) Loco shed and store depot will remain at Katihar even after shifting of MG shed.

#### Stabbing of India's U.N. Official

25. SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:  
SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an Indian Official at United Nations was stabbed at the Ralph Bunche Park in front of the U.N. building;

(b) if so, full details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been adopted by the Government for the safety of Indians living abroad?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c). The Government is aware that an Indian employee of the United Nations was stabbed in New York near the United Nations building. However, while the Government deeply regrets this incident, it is not in a position to take any specific action in this regard since the enforcement of

law and order is a subject within the sole jurisdiction of the civil authorities concerned, in this case the City of New York. There is no record of the victim of this incident having sought the assistance of the Indian mission in New York.

#### Late Running of Trains between Gondhia and Jabalpur

26. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trains running between Gondhia and Jabalpur under Jabalpur Division do not run in time;

(b) whether last year on many occasions they were late by four to five hours; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to run the trains in time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The punctuality of trains on Gondhia-Jabalpur section has not been satisfactory. However, as a result of concerted efforts the performance of trains on this section has already improved considerably compared to last year. Efforts are being made to improve it still further.

#### Survey for broad Gauge lines between Tirupathi to Katpadi

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

(a) whether the survey from Tirupathi to Katpadi has been taken up to lay a broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, the work done so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Survey for conver-