

workshops for manufacturing Railway wagons under the 6th Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, how many units are manufacturing with their manufacturing capacity and how many units are under planning, with its production capacity ; and

(c) whether there is any plan to start such unit at Dahod, Western Railway ?

THR [MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) No.

(b) There are at present 10 wagon building units with a total annual installed capacity of 26,040 four wheeler units of wagons. Of those 6 are under Public Sector and 4 are in the Private Sector. In addition, wagons are also manufactured in 3 Railway Workshops with a total installed capacity of 2000 units. No new unit is being planned.

(c) No.

Proposal to increase the number of sailings from Calcutta port to Jeddah and Dammam

9068. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how many sailings are offered at present from the Calcutta Port to Jeddah and Dammam ;

(b) whether the said number of sailings are adequate :

(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the number of sailings in the near future ;

(d) if so, details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) During the period January 1982 to March 1983 40 and 26 sailings were provided from Calcutta to Jeddah and to Dammam, respectively.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Sailings are provided by shipping

lines on the basis of shipping space requirements. This is a matter sorted out at commercial level.

Conversion of metre gauge lines Assam

9069. SHRI BHUBANESWAR BHUYAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for the conversion of the existing metre gauge railway lines of Assam into the broad gauge railway lines ;

(b) if so, whether the proposed plan contains a proposal for the construction of another road-cum-rail bridge over the river Brahmaputra ; and

(c) if so, details thereof indicating the time limit of the construction of the bridge and of the conversion of the existing metre gauge railway lines into broad gauge on priority basis, section-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) The conversion of M.G. line from Gauhati to Dibrugarh via Tinsukia and connected branch lines into B.G., is an approved work. The final location survey for this work in progress.

(b) No.

(c) The question of taking up the work and fixing target date for the proposed gauge conversion work will arise only after the final location engineering-cum-traffic survey is completed and report finalised, and submitted by the Railway.

Madhya Pradesh Children not attending Schools

9070. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Madhya Pradesh State the number of children (in age group 5 to 11) who are not going to school is one of the largest in the country ;

(b) when was the All India Educational Survey has undertaken in this regard and the number of such non-school going boys and girls in Madhya Pradesh State ; and