

Out-Agency at Banswara

2727. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that out-agency Banswara has been denied facility of passengers' booking from Ratlam to any other station by any train passing through either to Bombay side and Jaipur or Delhi side;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officials both of Central as well as State Governments and the public at large are inconvenienced for want of reservation facility; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) : (a) to (c) The Out Agency at Banswara had to be closed down from 22.1.1983 due to unsatisfactory work of the contractor. Prior to its closing down, this out-agency was open only for parcel and goods traffic due to lack of demand for pasenger traffic.

Conversion of Kotkapura-Fazilka Line

2728. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert Metre gauge line from Kotkapura to Fazilka of Northern Railway into broad gauge; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) : (a) and (b) A Final Location Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for conversion of the existing M.G. line into B.G. from Kotkapura to Fazilka is in progress. A decision in regard to the

proposal will be taken after the survey report is received and examined.

Target Fixed for Organising Creches and Balawadis During 6th Plan

2729. SHRI P.K. KODIYAN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the targets fixed in the 6th Plan for organising creches and balawadis for promoting early childhood education;

(b) what is the progress, so far made in this respect;

(c) whether the targets are likely to be achieved; and

(d) if not, the expected shortfall at the end of the Sixth Plan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) The Sixth Five Year Plan provided Rs. 9.75 crores for creches for children for working and ailing mothers. No physical target for the purpose had been laid down. Based on availability of funds for the programme, the progress during the Sixth Five Year Plan has been as under :—

Year	No. of Creches		Total
	Existing	New	
1980-81	1971	2968	4939
1981-82	4939	46	4985
1982-83	4985	15	5000
1983-84	5000	1000	6000
		(proposed)	(anticipated)

No provision has been made in the Sixth Five Year Plan for Balwadis. However, Balwadis are being run in