ग्रहमदपुर, खेगांव, मोरदड़ ग्रौर सिरी (सध्व प्रदेश) के रेलवे क्रांसिंग फाटक

2805, श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या मध्य रेलवे स्थित मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व निमाड जिले के ग्रहमदपुर, खेगांव, मोरदड ग्रौर सिर्रा के रेलवे कासिंग फाटक ग्रावागमन हेत् खोले नहीं जाते जिससे ग्राम निवासियों तथा अन्य नागरिकों को बडी ग्रस्विधा का सामना करना बड़ता है; श्रौर
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री ब्टा सिंह): (क) मध्य रेलवे पर इन क्षेत्रों में स्थित सम्बन्धित समपार यातायात के लिए खोल दिये गये हैं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Shortage of Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene in Gujarat

2806. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHE-MICALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been acute shortage of petrol, diesel and kerosene during the last quarter in Gujarat;
 - (b) if so, reasons therefor; and
- (c) steps taken by the Central Gov-'ernment to supply the quota fixed for the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHR! C. P. MAJHI): (a) to (c). There have been no reports of any shortage of petrol or diesel anywhere in the country including Gujarat during the last quarter. No State-wise allotments of these products are also being made. Supply of diesel oil is at present free and supplies have been increased by oil companies in the different States to the extent required.

Quotas of kerosene to the States were, however, reduced to achieve economy in consumption. In some months the cuts were to the extent of 30 per cent. It is likely that this may have given rise to shortage of kerosene in certain areas. However, during the last quarter despatches of kerosene to Gujarat State have been more than the allocations. From the month of November, 1974 kerosene allocations have been increased by reducing the overall cuts to about 10 per cent. For Gujarat kerosene allocation in November was increased to 23,024 MTs against 19,550 MTs in October. In December, the allocation for Gujarat has been increased further to 25,316 tonnes.

Repairs and Expansion of Station in Punjab

2807 SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAIL-WAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the Railway stations in Punjab need repairs and expansion;
- (b) if so, whether Central Government have granted funds therefor during the current year; and
- (c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) For the existing level of traffic, major expansion of Railway station buildings in Punjab State is not considered necessary. However, certain proposals for providing improved passenger amenities as indicated in reply to part (c) are in progress.

Periodic maintenance and repairs which are necessary are carried out regularly as a normal practice on the entire Railway system.

(b) Funds for maintenance and repairs are provided every year and this year also funds for this purpose have been provided.