

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI NANDA) : (a) No.**

(b) to (d). The conversion of the Miraj-Londa-Mormugao-Hubli-Hospet M. G. sections into B. G. has been included in railways perspective plan on gauge conversion to be implemented in the next ten years or so. Surveys for the conversion have already been carried out. However, this section would justify conversion from M. G. to B. G. only when the more movement on the present line exceeds the one million tonne level, for which the existing capacity is adequate. Hence, the conversion of this line will be considered as and when justified by anticipated increase in ore traffic.

**Shortage of White Printing Paper**

3330. SHRI SHINKRE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the white printing paper is scarcely available in Bombay market and that also at exorbitant prices :

(b) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of paper are not very keen to go in for the production of that quality of paper as the margin of profit on the white printing paper is less than on other qualities of papers ; and

(c) if so, whether Government will re-impose the control on production of paper as the decontrol of manufacture of paper has proved unhelpful to the consumers ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) From reports received, it appears that there is a scarcity of white printing paper of substance below 60 gsm.

(b) While Paper Mills are producing white printing paper of higher grammage, they apparently prefer not to manufacture low grammage paper because it affects their profitability.

(c) There has not been any control on the production pattern of the Paper Industry. This industry was, however, exempted from the licensing provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, in 1966 and this exemption has now been withdrawn.

**Setting up of Steel Plant at Goa**

3331. SHRI SHINKRE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Union Territory of Goa is pressing its claim for having a Steel Plant in the Public Sector as it has huge deposits of iron ore and an all-season Port like Mormugao ;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that so far no industry has been started in the Public Sector in that Territory; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider the claims of the people and the Government of that industrially neglected Territory ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) and (c). Government of Goa have approached the Government of India that Goa may be considered as location for a new Steel Plant. The Government on their own are currently examining the possibilities of setting up new steel plants in the country. A final decision will be taken after considering all the relevant factors, such as suitability of the areas concerned, projected demand for steel, and the resources available.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**क्षेत्रीय रेलों के हिन्दी विभाग के लिये  
अनुवादक**

3332. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा :

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :

क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे बोर्ड ने क्षेत्रीय रेलों को कहा है कि वे अपने-अपने हिन्दी विभागों के अपेक्षित अनुवादक पर्याप्त संख्या में रखने का औचित्य दें, ताकि राजभाषाएं (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 1967 के उपबन्धों को पूर्णतः लागू किया जा सके ; और