

tion to this, an Expert Committee has also been constituted to examine the taxation regime on granite and to suggest measures for development and export of granite.

[English]

**Conversion of Darbhanga to
Jaynagar Railway Line**

193. SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV (JHANJIHARPUR) : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have considered the demand for conversion of Dharbhanga-Jaynagar metre gauge line into broad gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the above line is likely to be converted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work has already been included in the budget 1997-98.

(b) Work will be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained for which action has been initiated.

(c) Target can be decided only after the clearances are obtained and the project is taken up.

[Translation]

**Stoppage of Express Trains at
Khurja City Station**

194. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the Members of Parliament for providing stoppage of all Express trains at Khurja City station which are passing through Khurja Junction, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) to (c) All trains passing through Khurja City station are already stopping there.

[English]

Modernisation of Steel Plants

195. SHRI K.P. NAIDU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Steel Plants being modernised ;

(b) the estimated cost involved plant-wise;

(c) whether there has been cost over runs in the implementation of modernisation scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has undertaken the modernisation of the following three steel plant;

1. Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)

2. Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)

3. Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)

(b) Approved costs of modernisation programmes are as given below :

DSP : Rs. 2,668 crores (Based : 3rd Qtr.' 88)

RSP : Rs. 3,954 crores (Base : 1st Qtr.' 92)

BSL : Rs. 1,783 crores (Base : 1st Qtr.' 94)

(c) Yes Sir,

(d) The details of cost overrun are as follows :

DSP : Approved cost : Rs. 2,668 crores (Base : 3rd Qtr.' 88)

Anticipated cost : Rs. 4,867 crores (Base : 3rd Qtr.' 97)

Cost overrun : Rs. 2,199 crores

77% of the cost overrun is due to monetary and fiscal reasons and remaining 23% is due to physical reasons.

RSP : Approved cost : Rs. 3,954 crores (Base 1st Qtr.' 92)

Anticipated cost : Rs. 5,112 crores (Base : 4th Qtr.' 97)

Cost overrun : Rs. 1,158 crores

95% of the cost overrun is due to monetary and fiscal reasons and remaining 5 % is due to physical reasons.

BSL : Approved cost : Rs. 1,783 crores (Base : 1st Qtr.' 94)

Anticipated cost : Rs. 2,235 crores (Base : 3rd Qtr.' 97)

Cost overrun : Rs. 442 crores

83% of the cost overrun is due to monetary and fiscal reasons and remaining 17% is due to physical reasons.