

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion of Nagbhir-Nagpur Rail Line

3129. SHRI JOGENDRA KAWADE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government propose to convert Nagbhir-Nagpur metre gauge line into broad gauge; and
(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be approved?

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) and (b) A survey for conversion of Nagbhir-Nagpur narrow gauge line into broad gauge has been taken up, which is expected to be completed by 31-10-1999. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Purchase of Railway Tracks

3130 SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of the rail tracks purchased from the Steel Authority of India and other agencies;
(b) whether there is any differences in the tracks purchased from the SAIL and other agencies; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

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) Rail tracks ordered for purchase from the Steel Authority of India and other agencies during the current year is as under :

Firm's Name	Qty. in MTs		
	52Kg.	60Kg.	Total
M/s Steel Authority of India (Bhilai Steel Plant)	3,07,211	64,036	3,71,247
M/s British Steel Track Products, United Kingdom	Nil	42,000	42,000
M/s Stalexport, S.A. Poland	Nil	70,000	70,000
M/s Pangang Group International Economic and Trading Corpn. China	Nil	58,000	58,000

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The rails purchased from Steel Authority of India is as per specification T-12/96 with the dispensation in respect of Hydrogen in liquid steel, end-straightness, on line ultrasonic testing and checking of surface quality whereas rails purchased from British, Poland and China are as per User International Conference (UIC) specification.

Utilisation of Steam Loco Shed

3131. SHRI HIRA LAL ROY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the steam loco sheds are not being used after withdrawal of steam locos;
(b) if so, the details of such steam loco sheds;
(c) the details of the schemes by which these loco-sheds are to be utilised in a profitable manner;
(d) whether there is any scheme to convert the remaining loco-sheds into diesel/electric sheds; and
(e) if so, the time by which the Sonpur Steam Loco Shed is likely to be converted into diesel/electric shed?

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 (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[English]

Housing Construction Schemes for Assam

3132. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the state Government of Assam has submitted any housing construction schemes to the Union Government for its approval and financial assistance; and
(b) if so, the details alongwith the amount of financial assistance likely to be provided by the Government, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) Housing being a State subject, State Governments are free to formulate and implement various social housing schemes as per plan priorities and their requirements for which financial assistance is available from HUDCO.

Since its inception and as on 31.10.98, HUDCO has sanctioned 84 urban housing schemes with loan assistance of Rs.134.58 crore in the State of Assam. On completion, these schemes would provide 42636 residential units.

In addition 14 housing projects envisaging loan assistance of Rs. 70.78 crore are in the pipeline. These projects are at various stages of processing for sanction as per HUDCO's guidelines. Details of these projects are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Housing Schemes in Pipeline State/Agencywise for the month ending 31.10.98

S. No.	State/Agency	Scheme Name	Dwelling Units	Loan Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Assam State Housing Board	MIG II HSG. Scheme at Borsojai	35	175.00
2.	B&CPT	Staff HSG.SCH. at Guwahati	15	34.74
3.	BHCHSLT	Plotted DEV.Scheme	0	65.00
4.	FDGOA	FWS Cash Loan HSG SCH	2000	1000.00
5.	FDGOA	LIG CL HBA HSG SCH	1500	2250.00
6.	FDGOA	MIG CL HBA HSG SCH	566	1750.00
7.	H.Broth	Const. of multi stor.build. at Hazarika complex Ganeshguri	1	15.00
8.	Housefe	HIG HSG Scheme Ph-II	56	280.00
9.	Housefe	Rental HSG SCH at Sibsagar	1	148.27
10.	Housefe	Const. of Rental HSG SCH at ABH	1	74.13
11.	Housefe	Const. of Dent Block in Housefed complex	1	400.00
12.	Housefe	MIG HSG scheme at Natbama	128	384.00
13.	Housefe	Plotted Dev. Sch at Boragaon	0	461.56
14.	MP LTD	Const. of Flat as Silpukhuri	16	40.00
Total			4320	7077.70

Installation of Radars

3133 PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal to install a sophisticated radar system at major airports to avoid mid-air collisions and loss of life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ATC staff has opposed the installation of such a system;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Primary Surveillance Radar of 60NM (Nautical Miles) coverage and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance

Radar (MSSR) with Mode 'S' of 250 NM coverage have already been installed and commissioned at Thiruvananthapuram, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Chennai airports. Similar radars be put into operation shortly. The radars at Mumbai are in an advanced stage of installation and will be commissioned along with other automation systems. It is also proposed to instal MSSRs at Nagpur, Varanasi, Berhampur and Mangalore. Upon installation of all these radars, the major air-routes will come under radar surveillance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Doubling of Guntur-Nadikudi Rail Line

3134 SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :