

[English]

**Construction of Khurda Road-
Bolangir Rail Line**

2429. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Khurda Road-Bolangir railway line;

(b) if so, the estimate cost of the above railway line;

(c) the fund earmarked for that railway line so far; and

(d) the time by which the railway line is likely to be started and completed?

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) The work is sanctioned. All clearances have been received. Final location survey has been taken up. This will be followed by land acquisition and the work would be started once the land becomes available.

(b) Rs. 353.38 crore.

(c) Rs. 15.49 crore.

(d) The work would be started once the land becomes available, and will be progressed as per availability of resources and completed in the coming years. No target date has been fixed.

[Translation]

**Provision of Employment to
Registered Unemployed**

2430. SHRI RAMPAL UPADHYAY:
SHRI T. GOVINDAN:
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT:
SHRI DAROGA PRASAD SAROJ:
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA:
DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL:
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment exchanges do not keep the record of such persons who do not get employment within a period of three years after getting themselves registered with it;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps to be taken by the Government to provide them job within a stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) As per instructions, the Employment Exchanges are required to keep record of registration of job seekers who do not get employment provided they continue to renew their registration after every 3 years from the date of registration.

(c) The Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

[English]

Supply of Wagons to Kerala

2431. SHRI P. SANKARAN:
SHRI T. GOVINDAN:
SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons sent to Kerala with PDS supply for the last three years;

(b) whether there is any severe drop in the arrival of wagons during 1998-99 to the State leading to depletion of buffer stock;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken to increase the supply of rakes to Kerala?

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