

CONVERSION OF METRE-GAUGE LINE IN TAMIL NADU

1050. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be
pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to
convert the metre-gauge main-line in
Tamil Nadu into broad-gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Con-
version of Madurai-Maniyachchi metre-
gauge into BG is in progress and no other
line is proposed for conversion in Tamil
Nadu at present.

RAIL LINK FROM MADRAS EGMORE TO MADRAS CENTRAL

1051. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-
ed to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to
connect Madras Egmore to Madras Cen-
tral by rail to avoid inordinate delay of
movement of goods from Tamil Nadu to
Northern part of the country and vice
versa; and part of the country and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
steps taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI
MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

HARNESSING OF HYDEL POWER IN NORTH BIHAR

1052. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
Will the Minister of POWER AND
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY
SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to har-
ness hydel power in North Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
(SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes,
Sir.

(b) The details of hydro-electric Pro-
jects under various stages of development
in North Bihar are given in the Statement
below.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

*Details of Hydro-electric Projects under
various stages of Development in North
Bihar*

1. *Hydro-Electric Schemes under Opera-
tion :*

Kosi Hydro-electric Scheme (4×5 MW)
is under operation in North Bihar.

2. *Hydro-Electric Schemes Under Cons-
truction :*

Eastern Gandak Canal Hydro-electric
Project in West Champaran District with
an installation of 3×5 MW is presently
under construction in North Bihar. The
project is likely to be commissioned by
December, 1992.

3. *Hydro-electric Schemes under examina-
tion in Central Electricity Authority :*

The project report for Tribeni Link
Canal Hydro Electric Project 2×1.65
MW=3.3 MW in West Champaran Dis-
trict of North Bihar was examined by
CEA. The Project report was returned to
Bihar State Hydro-electric Power Corpo-
ration Ltd. (BHPC) in February, 1990, as
the cost of the project and cost of genera-
tion from the project worked out, was
high. BHPC was requested to re-submit
project report after reviewing all the fea-
tures in order to reduce the cost of gene-
ration. There is no Hydro-electric Project
in Bihar pending for techno-economic ap-
proval of Central Electricity Authority.