

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.

(b) The requisite clearances for taking up Gondia-Jabalpur gauge conversion including Balaghat-Katangi has since been obtained. Final Location Survey to determine the diversions required to suit broad gauge line has been taken up. Work is now being commenced on those portions where alignment will not change. As regards the extension of line from Katangi to Tirodi (20 kms), a Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey has since been sanctioned. Further consideration will be possible only after the survey report is available.

(c) 1997-98 Rs. 1 crore  
1998-99 Rs. 20 crore

(d) and (e) Work has been proposed in the Draft Ninth Five Year Plan. Work is expected to be completed in about five years' time, subject, to availability of resources.

[English]

#### Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Badarpur Section

3377. SHRI NEPAL CHAMDRA DAS :  
SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any fund was allotted for the conversion of Lumding-Badarpur Section of the N.F. Railway into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned and spent thereon during 1997-98;

(c) the amount sanctioned for the above purpose during 1998-99; and

(d) the progress made so far ?

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(b) In 1997-98 initial allotment for this project was Rs. 33.84 crores. Subsequently the final allotment was kept at Rs. 2.00 crores of which Rs. 1.16 crores was actually utilised in 1997-98.

(c) Rs. 40 crores.

(d) Contract for earthwork and minor bridges for plain stretch in Badarpur-Silchar has been finalised and work is in progress.

For balance portion of 170 kms. from Lumding to Badarpur, final location survey has been entrusted to M/s RITES.

#### Recruitment Centres

3378. SHRI MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the places where recruitment centres in the country are operating at present;

(b) whether there is any scheme to open such more recruitment centres; and

(c) if so, the locations thereof, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Army : There are a total of 12 ZROs and 58 BROs in the country and one independent Recruiting Office (IRO) in Delhi Cantt as per details given below :

(a) ZRO Jalandhar	Punjab
(i) BRO Amritsar	"
(ii) BRO Ferozepur	"
(iii) BRO Patiala	"
(iv) BRO Ludhiana	"
(v) BRO Jammu	J & K
(vi) BRO Srinagar	"
(b) ZRO Ambala	Haryana
(i) BRO Rohtak	"
(ii) BRO Hissar	"
(iii) BRO Charkhi Dadri	"
(iv) BRO Palampur	Himachal Pradesh
(v) BRO Hamirpur	"
(vi) BRO Shimla	"
(vii) BRO Mandi	"
(c) ZRO Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
(i) BRO Lansdwone	"
(ii) BRO Almora	"
(iii) BRO Meerut	"
(iv) BRO Bareilly	"
(v) BRO Varanasi	"
(vi) BRO Agra	"
(vii) BRO Pithoragarh	"
(viii) BRO Amethi	"
(d) ZRO Calcutta	West Bengal
(i) BRO Siliguri	"
(ii) BRO Behrampur	"
(iii) BRO Cuttack	Orissa