

weak tracks on all the routes. On broad gauge the plan envisages the renewal of 6,700 kms. of track and on metre-gauge 5,300 kms.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Bhilai Steel Plant has started manufacture of heavier 60 kg. 90 UTS rails from 1989-90. The production of these rails will be increased in VIIIth Plan period to keep pace with Railway's requirement. The production of concrete sleepers in 1989-90 has been 35.3 lakhs. Railways have planned to produce 45 lakh concrete sleepers in current year and the same is to be stepped up to 57 lakhs per annum within next 3 years as per present plans. Quality is controlled directly by the Railways.

#### **Over Bridge at Dalkoha (NFR)**

2079. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of railway overbridge near Dalkoha railway station in North Frontier Railway is likely to be started; and

(b) the reasons for delay, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Work will be taken up for execution, after the State Government approves the plan and deposits the estimated cost with the Railway.

(b) Non-approval by the State Government of the General Arrangement Plan furnished by the Railway.

#### **Halt at Thane Station**

2080. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation from the people of Thane, demanding halting of through trains at Thane station has been received;

(b) the specific demands/suggestions made therein; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to implement these demands/suggestions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) At present some trains stop in Up direction and some in Down direction. The representation is to stop all these trains both in Up and Down directions.

(ii) Stoppage of all trains running within Maharashtra.

(iii) Stoppage of atleast two additional Down and Up trains running between Bombay-North, Bombay-East and Bombay-South.

(iv) Stoppage of a few more trains.

(c) Examined but not found feasible.

#### **Halt at Karad in Vasco-Nizamuddin Express**

2081. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for halt at Karad for the 2701/2702 Vasco-Nizamuddin Express and providing reservation quota from /to there; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to take in this regard?