

The Expert Committee on population projections appointed by the Planning under the chairmanship of Registrar General has estimated that the population by March 1981 would be 672 million. In making this projection, the Committee has assumed a crude birth rate of 36.6 per thousand in 1971-76 and 32.9 per thousand in 1976-81. In view of these assumptions and as the next population census is due in March 1981, the Expert Committee does not propose to revise the population projection at this point of time.

(c) The present Govt. accords high priority to the Family Planning programme and will take proper steps to promote this programme on a voluntary basis through an intensification of motivation and education efforts and adequate provision of services.

#### Zonal Office in Bihar

\*74. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways have no Zonal Office in Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a Zonal Office there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

दिल्ली और बम्बई के बीच नई रेलगाड़ी का  
चलाया जाना

\*75. श्री एन० के० शेजवलकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेल प्रशासन ने दिल्ली और बम्बई के बीच आगरा, ग्वालियर और भोपाल होते हुए एक नई रेलगाड़ी चलाने का आश्वासन अनेक बार दिया है ; और

(ख) यह तीसरी रेलगाड़ी कब तक चलाई जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) मार्गवर्ती खंडों पर लाइन क्षमता का अभाव होने और बम्बई तथा दिल्ली क्षेत्रों में अपर्याप्त टर्मिनल सुविधाओं के कारण आगरा, ग्वालियर, भोपाल के रास्ते दिल्ली और बम्बई के बीच एक और गाड़ी चलाने का अभी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

#### Conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi Narrow Gauge Line

\*76. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal of converting the existing narrow gauge railway line between Rupsa and Bangriposi via Baripurda under South Easter Railway in Orissa to broad gauge which is a long standing demand of the local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): A reconnaissance engineering-cum-traffic survey for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi narrow gauge line into BG and its extension upto Chakulia/Gurumahisani or some other suitable point is nearing completion. A decision about the conversion of this narrow gauge line into BG will be taken, after the survey report is received, taking into consideration the financial viability of the project as well as the overall resources position.

#### Maintaining of G.P. Fund Accounts of Government Employees

\*77. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that even after repeated instructions from the Government, the Accountants General of respective Departments are not maintaining G.P. Fund Accounts of Government employees properly;

(b) if so, what steps Government are likely to take in the matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the missing credits/discrepancies in the G.P. Fund accounts of certain Gov-