vessels in other jettics is found not necessary at present.

Providing a Stoppage of Debradun and Janta Express at Malarna Station

*592. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL :

SHRI RAM KUMAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from Government of Rajasthan and also there is a great demand of public for providing a stoppage of Dehradun Express and Janta Express at Malarna Railway station;

(b) if so, whether the matter has since been considered by Government;

(c) if so, the time by which a stoppage of both the trains are proposed to be provided at Malarna Railway stations as there is no stoppage of these trains between Gangapur City and Sawaimadhopur stations; and

(d) if not reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No request has been received from the Government of Rajasthan for stoppage of 19/20 Dehradun Express and 23/24 Janata Express at Malarna.

(b) to (d) However, this proposal has since been examined but not found justified due to meagre long distance traffic offering from Malarna station.

Doubling and Electrification of Bandel and Katwa Line

*593. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that persistant demands have been made for all these years for doubling and electrifying the railway line between Bandel and Katwa in the Howrah Division; and (b) what steps the Government propose to take in near future to fulfil the above long standing demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) There have been representations for doubling and electrification of Bandel-Katwa section (BG).

(b) A survey has been included in the Budget 84-85 for augmentation of the capacity on this section. Further action will be taken after the survey has been completed and survey report examined subject to the availability of funds.

Electrification of the section will be considered in due course depending on the growth of traffic and availability of resources.

Repair of Temples Around Mansarovar and Kailash

*594. SHRI SURAJ BHAN : SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply given to USQ No. 1443 on 1.12.83 regarding disrepaired temples around Mansarovar lake and state :

(a) whether temples in the Mansarovar and Kailash areas of Tibet are now in ruins;

(b) whether China has been sounded for the repairs of these religious monuments;

(c) if so, the reactions so received; and

(d) whether the Buddhist religious monuments were also included in the talks ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Government have come across reports to this effect.

(b) and (c) The Government of China has been requested to look into the matter and its response is awaited.

(d) Monuments of religious significance in general in the Kailash and Mansarovar region were covered by the request.