

(b) reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by which Letters of Intent will be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Five.

(b) The State Governments/the parties concerned have been addressed for certain additional information and on receipt of information, the matter will be placed before the Licensing Committee for consideration.

(c) The Letters of Intent will be issued after the cases are cleared by the Licensing Committee.

Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge tracks

* 42. SHRI D.K. PANDA:
SHRI BISHWANATH ROY:

Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have drawn up a perspective plan for the conversion of metre gauge tracks into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the main details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) to (c). A perspective plan for the conversion to Broad Gauge of about 3200 KMs. of some of the arterial high density metre gauge routes in the country in the next 10 to 15 years at a cost of about Rs. 230 crores has been prepared. A Statement containing the list of these sections is laid on the Table of the Sabha. The lines to be actually converted and their order of priority will be finalised after surveys and economic studies are completed and the reports thereon examined from all angles and conversion of the lines is found to be justified.

Statement

S.No.	Name of Section
1.	Varanasi-Bhatni-Gorakhpur.
2.	Barabanki-Gonda-Gorakhpur (including parallel B. G. line between Barabanki and Gonda).
3.	Virangam-Okha-Porbandar.
4.	Guntakal-Banglore (including parallel B.G. line between Guntakal and Dharmavaram).
5.	Bongaigaon-Gauhati.
6.	Karur Dindigul-Tuticorin (including new B.G. line between Karur and Dindigul and parallel B.G. line between Dindigul and Madurai and conversion of Madurai-Tuticorin-Maniyachi-Tirunelveli).
7.	Bhatni-Barauni-Katihar.
8.	Samastipur—Raxaul <i>via</i> Muzaffarpur or Darbhanga.
9.	Ernakulam-Quilon-Trivandrum.
10.	Miraj—Londa—Hospet—Murmugao and Alnavar-Dandeli.

उत्तर प्रदेश में टनकपुर से बागेश्वर तक
रेलवे लाइन बिछाना

* 43. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ वर्ष पूर्व उत्तर प्रदेश में टनकपुर से बागेश्वर तक रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का प्रस्ताव था;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त प्रस्ताव के अन्तर्गत किये जाने वाले कार्य उस प्रस्ताव की रीति में किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) बागेश्वर के औद्योगिक (चाय कारखाना)

तथा मन-उत्पाद) तथा पर्यटन सम्बन्धी महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार का उक्त रेसवे काइन् को कब तक विद्यमान का विचार है ?

रेलमंत्री (श्री हनुमन्तैया): (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). सबाल नहीं उठता ।

Schemes for Rural Industries

*44. SHRI R. KADANAPALLI : Will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYGIK VIKAS MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of schemes allotted for rural industries in the country up to 30th April, 1971; and

(b) the other schemes under consideration for rural industries ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) The Rural Industries Projects Programme was initiated during 1962-63 in 49 selected rural areas. The programme is being taken up in 5 more areas, viz. one in Hararyana and 4 in Rural Electric Cooperative Project areas from the current financial years. The Major schemes in operation in these areas include :—

- (i) provision of technical training;
- (ii) provision of common facilities of workshop, tools and equipment, designing etc.
- (iii) provision of financial assistance on easy terms and
- (iv) technical and extension services. An amount of about Rs.14 crores has been spent on the programme upto 31st March 1971.

(b) In principle it has been agreed that the area of operation of a project would be extended to cover the entire districts.

50 new districts which have been designated as backward are also to be brought under this programme during the Vth Five Year Plan period.

Complaint regarding supply of Bad Quality Food in Dining Cars on Southern Railway

*45. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding the supply of bad quality food in the dining cars on Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to supply good quality food in dining cars ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Efforts are being made to improve the Catering Services not only in the Dining Cars of Southern Railway but in all catering establishments of Indian Railways.

Decision on Cauvery Water Dispute

*47. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) be pleased to state when a decision regarding the Cauvery Water dispute pending between Mysore and Tamil Nadu is expected to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) (DR. K. L. RAO) : All aspects of the dispute over the Cauvery Water are under careful consideration of the Central Government and a decision will be taken as early as possible.

उद्योगों के किये जासक-पत्र जारी करना

*48. श्री हुकम चन्द कश्यप : क्या