

(vi) *Railwaymen as industrial workers.* Already Railway employees are governed by the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act. However in respect of the terms and conditions of service they are traditionally treated as Government servants as basically Railways are in the nature of a public service and are run directly by Government because of their social and strategic importance.

Length of Railway lines handed over by erstwhile Gwalior State

*199. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and length of railway lines handed over to the Indian Railways by the erstwhile Gwalior State, at the time of merger of Indian States into Union of India;

(b) details of improvements made on these railway lines for the development of the area, after the merger of States, by way of introducing new railway lines or/and converting these into broad-gauge lines;

(c) whether the area coming with-in these old State railways—Shivpuri, Bhind and Morena Districts—has been neglected by the Indian railways; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

(a) As a result of Federal Financial Integration, the narrow gauge (0.610 meter) Railway lines owned by the Scindia State Railway worked by Gwalior Darbar came to vest in the

Government of India from 1st April, 1950. The Railway was subsequently merged with the Central Railway on 5th November, 1951. The details of the sections are:

	Kms.
1. Gwalior-Shivpuri line . . .	119.81
2. Gwalior-Bhind line . . .	83.57
3. Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan line . . .	196.21
4. Ujjain-Agar line . . .	67.14
<i>Suburban</i>	
5. Golakar Mandir to Morar . . .	2.65
6. Gwalior-Kanpoo Kothi . . .	4.36
TOTAL . . .	<u>473.74 Km</u>

(b) A new broad gauge line 193.48 Kms. long has been constructed connecting Guna of Bina-Kota section and Maksi of Bhopal-Ujjain-Nagda section and opened for passenger traffic on 16th April, 1977.

Disappearance of Medicines for Daily use

*200. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to provide medicines of daily use to the common man;

(b) is it a fact that some medicines of mass consumption such as Aspro, Anacin, Novalgin etc. have disappeared from the market; and