

(b) and (c). The item has been placed at para 90 of the ITC Book, Vol. I, for the year 1977-78 where under direct allotment is made to the actual users to meet their full requirements. Indigenous capacity totalling 2,616 tonnes has been established by permitting indigenous manufacturers of nylon filament yarn to diversify into polyester filament yarn. An additional 2085 tonnes capacity is under implementation through diversification and modernisation programmes. A cooperative sector project with substantial Government participation, M/s. Petrofils Cooperative Ltd., is in the process of setting up a 3,500 tonnes plant for manufacture of polyester filament yarn. Part of the capacity has already been commissioned and production has commenced.

#### Casual Gangmen brought on Central Pay Commission Scales

\*292. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pay Commission scales have been given to all casual Gangmen on completion of 120 days' continuous work since June, 1977 in Dhanbad Division, E. Railway;

(b) if so, the figures of such casual Gangmen under each Permanent way Inspector of Dhanbad Division who have been given C.P.C. scales;

(c) the number of such Casual Gangmen who have not yet been given C.P.C. scales; and

(d) the reasons for abnormal delay in giving C.P.C. scales?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS: (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). 129 casual Gangmen of Dhanbad Division have been granted CPC scales of pay. The break-up of this number is as follows:

P.W.I. Dhanbad	..	42
P.W.I. Patratu	...	11

P.W.I. Gujhandi	...	88
P.W.I. Barma	...	2
P.W.I. Daltonganj	...	2
P.W.I. Latehar	...	2
P.W.I. Tori	...	1

(c) 496.

(d) As per extant practice on Eastern Railway, casual Gangmen are to be medically examined and granted CPC scales of pay on completion of 120 days' continuous service. However, since Divisional authorities were not clear about this position and were waiting for the medical examination to be over, orders have been issued to them to grant forthwith scales of pay to all casual Gangmen who have completed 120 days' continuous service.

#### Railway Line between Tirodi and Katangi

\*293. SHRI KACHARULAL HEMRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the survey for laying railway line between Tirodi-Katangi in District Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh was undertaken;

(b) whether a decision was taken to lay the railway line between Tirodi and Katangi;

(c) the work, so far, done on this project; and

(d) the reasons for delay in implementing this decision and when work is likely to commence on this line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (d). No survey has so far been carried out for laying a railway line between Tirodi and Katangi. The question of construction of this line will be considered while taking a decision regarding conversion of the Gondia-Jabalpur narrow gauge section into broad gauge after the survey of the Gondia-Jabalpur section is completed.