

(b) whether all the big cities will be connected with broad gauge lines; and

(c) if so, the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) to (c). In view of the heavy traffic density likely to develop in the next few years on certain MG sections of the Indian Railways and also the need to provide through transport facilities with broad gauge to connect major ports, important industrial centres, big iron ore mining projects etc., a programme to convert certain important MG lines to BG is under the consideration of the Railway Board. The actual conversion of such MG Sections into BG would depend on the results of the surveys proposed to be undertaken with a view to determine priorities in accordance with the availability of funds. Certain works connected with conversion of MG lines into BG sanctioned during the Third Plan period are in progress. Recently, the conversion of Miraj-Kolhapur section from MG to BG has been sanctioned. No scheme has been formulated for linking all the big cities in the country with broad gauge. No specific schemes are at present under consideration for conversion of narrow gauge sections to broad gauge.

Nationalisation of Jute Industry

*356. **SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:**
SHRI D. N. DEB:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to nationalise the Jute Industry in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the effects on the industry and its workers as a whole; and

(d) the benefits likely to be derived by Government as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Small Scale Industries

*357. **DR. KARNI SINGH:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating revision of the list of industries exclusively reserved for small scale industries; and

(b) whether Government contemplate to decentralise the procedure so as to increasingly associate the State Governments with this development?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). The list of industries reserved for the small scale sector is revised every year and State Governments are associated with this revision in as much as suggestions of the State Directors of Industries are invited before undertaking the revision of the list. Further revision of the list is at present under the consideration of the Government. This revision is in the context of the Fourth Plan Approach to the development of industries.

Loss to Durgapur Project

*358. **SHRI B. K. MODAK:**
SHRI GANESH GHOSH:
SHI JYOTIRMOY BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 337 on the 6th August, 1968 and state:—

(a) whether Government have collected information regarding the total loss incurred so far, year-wise by the Durgapur Project Ltd. in West