

- 3 Auxiliary warning system for giving advance warning about signals at danger to driver of the running train and stopping the train if the driver does not respond within the pre-determined time interval has already been commissioned on Bombay suburban sections.
- 4 Upgradation of track structure has been done by using heavier rails & concrete sleepers.
- 5 The track is maintained by Tie tamping and ballast cleaning machines. Track is also now being laid with track renewal trains and portal cranes.
- 6 For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscillograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.
- 7 Maintenance facilities for Coaches & Wagons have been modernised.
- 8 To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.
- 9 Training facilities for drivers, guards and other staff connected with train operation have been modernised. Drivers are being trained on simulators.
- 10 Performance of the staff is constantly monitored. The staff whose knowledge of rules is found deficient are counselled and are sent for refresher training.

[Translation]

#### Gauge Conversion of Agra-Bandikui Line

677 SHRI GANGA RAM KOLI .  
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA  
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT .

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government postponed conversion of the Agra-Bandikui rail line into broad gauge line,
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (c) whether the Government propose to resume this work during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Preliminary works are already in progress.

[English]

#### Revamping of Police/Traffic Police Set-Up in Delhi

678 DR RAMKRISHAN KUSMARIA  
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have approved the proposal to revamp the police/Traffic police set up in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Sanction for the creation of 1102 posts in various ranks in the Delhi Police was accorded on 27.5.96 for better traffic management.

[Translation]

#### State Pollution Control Boards

680 SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM  
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to raise the status of State Pollution Control Boards with the aid of World Bank, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, for strengthening of State Pollution Control Boards, financial assistance under the World Bank funded project is being provided, especially, for the augmentation of infrastructural facilities, human resource development etc.

[English]

#### Wagons in Tripura

681 SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of wagons for Tripura allotted by the Railway for transportation of essential commodities and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Wagons for Tripura unloaded monthwise during

last one year are as under :

Month	(In wagons) MG							
	Foodgrain	Salt	Sugar	Cement	POL	Fertiliser	Other	Total
April '95	763	106	-	262	392	-	391	1914
May '95	734	166	58	6	234	-	474	1672
June '95	880	10	102	204	366	4	444	2010
July '95	920	6	8	180	366	80	462	2022
August '95	420	4	202	220	302	14	502	1664
Sept. '95	994	60	42	348	252	6	776	2478
Oct '95	746	134	2	222	400	42	188	1734
Nov. '95	722	50	16	206	200	50	256	1500
Dec. '95	748	28	108	306	316	44	254	1904
Jan '96	662	94	144	194	264	14	204	1576
Feb. '96	884	58	108	132	260	54	140	1636
March '96	1278	4	-	88	324	56	30	1780
April '96	888	116	42	104	418	14	168	1780
May '96	1014	74	82	46	344	58	68	1826
June '96	1122	42	12	170	304	78	136	1820

#### A.C. Sleeper in Palamau Express

682. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR  
SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to attach one A.C. Sleeper Compartment to Palamau Express from Patna to Barkakana, Eastern Railway,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Railways have already decided to provide A.C. 2nd Sleeper coaches on all long distance overnight Mail Express trains in a phased manner depending upon their availability from Railways' Production Units.

[Translation]

#### Grant from U.S.A.

683. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH  
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether U.S.A. has made any proposal to provide grant for the promotion of new environmental techniques in the Indian industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the amount of the grant and by when it is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) This Ministry has not received any such proposal from U.S.A. to provide grants for the promotion of new environmental techniques for industries. However, an agreement was signed in 195 between Government of India, Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Prevention Project (GEEP) costing US \$106.53 million. The objective of the project is (i) to reduce emission of greenhouse gas in per unit of electrical energy generated by increasing energy productivity in thermal power generating plants, and introduce commercially viable Efficient Coal conversion (ECC) technologies and (ii) to encourage the use of Alternative Bagasse Co-generation (ABC) technologies in sugar industries. The project will be implemented by IDBI, Indian renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

(c) A total grant of US \$ 19 million will be extended by USAID under this project. The total grant disbursed by USAID under this project till May, 1996 was US \$ 0.02 million.