

**Conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur
Line into Broad Gauge**

3609. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted in 1972 in connection with conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur line into broad gauge line ;

(b) if so, whether the conversion of the said line into broad gauge has since been commenced ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and when the conversion work is likely to commence and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal, at present, for conversion of Siwan-Thawe-Gorakhpur metre gauge section into broad gauge, in view of severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand.

Chhitauni Railway Bridge

3610. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of construction of the Chhitauni Railway Bridge in West Champaran District of Bihar, foundation stone of which was laid by the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi in 1974 ; and

(b) when the work of construction of the railway bridge is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Foundation stone for rail line from Chhitauni to Bagaha (28.4 kms), including the bridge across river Gandak, was laid by the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi on 22.10.73.

(b) Bagaha Valmikinagar section (9 kms) has been completed and opened to traffic. Commencement and completion of the remaining section, including the bridge, will

depend on availability of resources in Railway sector and payment of increased share of cost by the State Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for river protection work.

**Carrying Coal through Asansol, Mokamah,
Muzaffarpur and Gorakhpur on broad
gauge rail line**

3611. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for carrying coal through Asansol, Mokamah, Muzaffarpur and Gorakhpur on broad gauge rail line ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Coal for industrial and other consumers located between Barauni-Muzaffarpur-Gorakhpur, is already being carried on the broad gauge line via-Asansol-Mokamah-Muzaffarpur.

**Rail Cum Road Bridge Near
Bhagalpur (Bihar)**

3612. SHRI LALITESHWAR SHAHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a rail-cum-road bridge at or near Bhagalpur (Bihar) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu

3613. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :