

able points and vital installations, patrolling of track, armed picketing in between two stations by the side of railway lines round the clock also are undertaken.

AID from Japan

4893. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has recently given aid worth Rs. 118 crores for conservation operation at the upper and lower lakes of Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the mode and manner in which the aid is proposed to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). A project on "Conservation and Management of Upper and Lower Lakes of Bhopal" has been posed to the Government of Japan for provision of financial assistance. The total cost of the proposed project is Rs. 118 crores to be utilised over a five-year period. The project includes activities like desilting and dredging, catchment area treatment, prevention of pollution, management of shoreline for fringe areas and improvement and management of water quality. The project proposal is presently in the final stages of appraisal by the Japanese authorities.

[Translation]

Renovation of Railway Line

4894. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narrow Gauge Railway Line between Laxmipur to Chawk in Maharajanj District of Uttar Pradesh is lying unutilised till today;

(b) if so, whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to renovate this line and start trains on it;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There is no such line constructed by the Railway Department.

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

[Translation]

New Railway Line in Maharashtra

4895. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay a new rail line namely Babupeth-Adilabad-Nanded-Bombay (Maharashtra);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.