

- (ii) Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG line into BG, and extension upto Kodinar.
 - (iii) Conversion of Wankaner-Dahinsara-Navlakhi and Dahinsara-Maliya Miyana MG sections into BG.
 - (iv) Conversion of Surendernagar-Rajula MG line into BG and extension upto Pipavav.
 - (v) Conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj NG line into BG and extension upto Modasa.
 - (vi) Conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj MG line into BG
 - (vii) Construction of new line between Ambaji and Khad Brahama.
 - (viii) Construction of a new BG line between Bhavnagar and Tarapore.
 - (ix) Provision of a new link to Alang Ship-breaking yard.
 - (x) Conversion of Dhrangadhre-Kuda Salt siding into BG.
- (b) Such information is not maintained civil district-wise.
- (c) Gauge conversion has already been completed on Nadiad-Kapadvanj and is in progress on Ahmedabad-Delhi and Rajkot-Veraval sections. Extension of Nadiad-Kapadvanj line upto Modasa, which had been frozen temporarily, is being resumed. Conversion of Wankaner-Dahinsara-Navlakhi-Maliya Miana will be taken up in 1995-96 while that of Gandhidham-Bhuj will be taken up after Planning Commission accord their approval.

[Translation]

Speed of Trains

296. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the maximum speed prescribed for the trains operating in the country;
- (b) whether the speed of the trains operating in the country is considerably very low as compared to the trains operating in other countries;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have formulated and scheme to increase the speed of the passenger as well as goods trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The maximum permissible speed of trains in India is 140 Kmph.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) However, running of passenger carrying trains at 160 Kmph and freight trains at 100 Kmph is being planned.

[English]

Pesticides residues on tobacco leaf

297. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have directed the Central Tobacco Research Institute to find the way to reduce pesticides residues on tobacco leaf;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the work done so far by the CTRI in regard to reduction of pesticide residue on tobacco leaf; and
- (d) the further steps proposed to be taken in this direction to enhance profitability for tobacco farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the research work done, the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) has recommended (1) Adoption of integrated pest mangement package consisting of pesticide formualltions based on organophosphorus and carbonate compounds which undergo degradation to the extent of 90% during flue curing and restriction on the use of chlorinated hydrocarbons like DDT; (2) Application schedule for spary of recommended pesticides with sufficient interval between spraying, harvesting and curing to facilitate degradation of residues in flue cured leaves during post-harvest operations; (3) Development of high yielding varieties with inbuilt resistance to pests and diseases; (4) monitoring of pesticide residues in different tobacco types grown under different agro-climatic zones;

(d) The CTRI has proposed (1) analysis of pesticide residue level in soils in new tobacco areas; and (2) wide publicity for adoption of recommended package of pesticide application to minimise the problem of pesticide residue in tobacco leaf through Tobacco Board, R&D Units of industry and other related agencies.

Evaluation of Computer and Electronic System

298. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have made any review/evaluation of introduction and functioning of computer and electronic system in Railways;
- (b) if so, to what extent the declared objectives of this system have been achieved; and
- (c) to what extent this system has been successful to control Ticket-Racketeering and accidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Evaluation of the functioning of computers has been in respect of computer systems in the Zonal Railway headquarters and Production Units where the