

disruption of to and fro traffic;

(d) if so, whether Railway propose to resume this service; and

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) Yes, Sir. the Railway ferry service between Maniharighat and Sakarigali ghat was discontinued with effect from 1.2.1980.

(b) to (e). With the commissioning of the Farraka Barrage and introduction of through railway services, the Railway ferry service between Sakrigalighat and Maniharighat had outlived its use and consequently, very few persons were making use of this service, resulting in heavy recurring losses. The flotilla used on the ferry service had also become over-aged and beyond economic repairs.

The cost for restarting ferry services would be approximately Rs 25 crores by way of investment in new marine vessels and provision of infrastructure for their maintenance and operation at the same scale of operation as was existing at the time of closure of this service.

In view of this, it is not feasible to restart the services by Railways.

#### **Bareilly Cantt. Station**

4198. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the construction of Bareilly Cantt. Railway station in Bareilly; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English ]

#### **Vayudoot Service to West Bengal**

4199. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to extend the Vayudoot service in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN):** (a) and (b). The aircraft capacity available with Vayudoot and constraint of resources do not at present permit airlinking of new stations in West Bengal.

[Translation]

#### **Khamgaon-Sholapur Rail Line**

4200. SHRI SUKHDEO NANDAJI KALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for construction of Khamgaon-Sholapur railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):** (a) No, Sir. however, survey for Khamgaon-Jalna New BG line has been carried out.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Khamgaon and Sholapur are already connected by rail line via Bhusaval, Jalgaon, Manmad and Daund.

[English]

#### Conversion of Purulia-Kotshila Railway Line

4201. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert Purulia-Kotshila narrow gauge line in south Eastern Railway into broad gauge;

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Production and Demand of Paraxylene

4202. SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) the domestic production and demand of paraxylene during 1989-90; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure adequate domestic production capacity to meet the increased demand?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Based on the licensed capacities of DMT & PTA i. e. raw material using paraxylene, annual requirement of paraxylene is of the order of 165000 tonnes. During 1989-90 after the annualised indigenous production of paraxylene, there was

a shortfall of around 42000 tonnes which was met through imports.

(b) Government is taking steps to augment the production to meet the increased demand by creation of new capacities.

[Translation]

#### Over Bridge at Vidisha Station

4203. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand from the public for expansion of both sides of foot over bridge at Vidisha Railway Station to cope with the heavy traffic; and

(b) if so, when this work is likely to be started and the time by which it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary arrangements have already been made and after the completion of certain formalities work will start in July, 1990. The work is expected to be completed in 1991.

#### Ring Railway in Jaipur

4204. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Jaipur and surrounding areas through ring railway in view of heavy passenger traffic to Jaipur; and,

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) No, Sir.