

[English]

Gadag—Solapur Railway Line

367. SHRI K. G. SHIVAPPA : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conversion of railway line between Gadag and Solapur has commenced recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) the time by which the conversion work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Gauge conversion of Solapur (Hotgi)—Gadag section (300kms) from MG to BG has been taken up during '93—'94 at an estimated cost of Rs. 180 crores. Conversion of this section is likely to be completed during the 8th Five Year Plan subject to availability of resources.

[Translation]

Drought Control in Gujarat

368. SHRIDILEEPBHAI SANGHANI:
SHRI N. J. RATHVA :

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance provided to Gujarat especially for the famine and drought affected tribal areas during each of the last three years;

(b) whether this amount has since been utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps

being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any scheme to control perennial problems of drought and famine;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have conducted any survey in Gujarat in this regard;

(g) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(h) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) : No additional assistance was provided to Gujarat over and above the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) specially for drought relief measures in the tribal areas during the last three years. Gujarat has an annual CRF allocation of Rs. 85.00 crores consisting of Central contribution of Rs. 63.75 crores and State contribution of Rs. 21.25 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) & (h). Does not arise.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

369. SHRI KESHRI LAL :
SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed for the admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) the number of students admitted in the Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1992—93, State—