

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

**Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad line
into Broad Gauge**

2712. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line into broad gauge line;

(b) if so, whether Government had earlier conducted any survey of this line;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof;

(d) the details of the action taken by Government so far to convert the said line into broad gauge line; and

(e) if no action has since been taken the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Delhi-Ahmedabad conversion project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission. Further action will be taken after it is cleared by the Planning Commission and funds provided therefor.

(b) to (e). Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey carried out for this project in 1973-74 revealed that the length of the proposed line will be about 925 Kms. The present day cost of conversion will be about Rs. 300 crores. No action could be taken, as the project has not been cleared by the Planning Commission due to severe constraint of resources.

[English]

**Fixing of timings of Reservation at Kota
Railway Station**

2713. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for fixing the timings of reservation at Kota Railway Station in accordance with the timings of reservations at other stations;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter;

(c) whether Government propose to provide to the passengers the facility to enquire about reservation over telephone at Kota Railway Station ;

(d) if so, by which time it would be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). The timings for reservations at Kota Railway Station are 0900 hours to 1400 hours and 1430 hours to 1630 hours which are considered adequate to deal with the work load of reservations at this station.

(c) to (e). The facility to enquire about reservations over telephone is already available for I class passengers. This facility for II class passengers would be provided in due course.

[Translation]

Demand for Dakniya Talab as City Station

2714. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the local residents of Kota demanding that the Dakniya Talab be made a City Station keeping in view the constant expansion of the City;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A few representations have been received from local public for providing additional facilities/amenities at Dakniya Talab such as stoppage of 19 Dn/20 Up Dehradun Express and 23Dn/24 Up Janata Express, raising of platforms, goods shed facilities, waiting room etc. The demands have been examined. Dakniya Talab is already a B Class Station open for local

passengers, parcels and luggage traffic. Provision of goods shed is not feasible from engineering and financial angle. Raising of platform is not justified because of meagre passenger traffic. The existing waiting hall is adequate to cater to the present level of traffic. Stoppage of additional trains and provision of additional facilities would require sizeable capital investment. Such proposals are programmed in phases subject to availability of funds.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Railway Divisions in Madhya Pradesh

2715. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway Divisions set up in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the name of those divisions and details of their jurisdiction;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to create some additional Railway Divisions for Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). In the State of Madhya Pradesh, three divisions viz. Jabalpur, Bilaspur and Ratlam have been set up. The areas falling in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are being served by the Jabalpur Division. The States of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa are being served by the Bilaspur Division. The States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are being served by the Ratlam Division.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. A Divisional Headquarter at Bhopal had already been sanctioned and work relating to its formation is in progress. So far, a sum of Rs. 62.85 lakhs has been spent for the construction of necessary infrastructure like Divisional Office Complex, Residential Quarters etc. In the Budget for 1985-86, a sum of Rs. 15.18 lakhs has been allocated for early setting up of the Division.

Central schemes for development of education in tribal sub-plan areas of Madhya Pradesh

2716. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has been laying greater emphasis on the development of education in tribal sub-plan areas ;

(b) if so, the different central schemes under implementation in tribal sub-plan areas in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(c) the details of the educational facilities provided under these schemes in those tribal sub-plan areas during Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Education has a tribal sub-plan for the Central sector. So far as the State Sector is concerned, the State Governments have been requested to give priority to implement all the Central sector programmes in education in areas predominantly inhabited by scheduled tribes, scheduled castes and other weaker sections. The details of the Sixth Plan Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Education operated in all the States including the State of Madhya Pradesh are attached.