

3. Bringing Old Madhavnagar on the main line by providing a chord between Nandare and New Sangli on Pune-Miraj section.
4. Parallel B.G. line between Bareilly and Bhojipura and conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Bhojipura to Kathgodam (109 kms.)
5. Conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Katihar to Siliguri-New Jalpaiguri (209 kms.). This work has been deleted to avoid cutting of the M.G. link to North East States. In lieu thereof, line capacity of the existing B.G. route is being augmented.

Planning Commission have not agreed to take up the following works due to constraint of resources :

1. New B.G. line from Sultanpur to Rewa (266 kms.)
2. New B.G. line from Tamluk-Digha (80 kms).
3. Conversion of M.G. line into B.G. from Delhi to Sabarmati (925 kms).

Planning Commission's clearance is also awaited for the following projects :

1. New B.G. line from Budge Budge-Namkhana including Lakshmikantpur-Kulpi line (100 kms).
2. New B.G. line from Satna to Rewa (50 kms).
3. New B.G. line from Guna to Etawah (348 kms).

(b) Details of New works approved during the current financial year are given in the Railway Budget 1985-86. So far as further new works are concerned, the question of taking them up will depend on their justification and availability of resources.

Working Women Hostels Chain and Involvement of Voluntary Agencies

528. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to create a working women hostels chain and movement based on the International Youth Hostels to cover every women of different strata throughout the country ;

(b) whether any estimate has been made of the total hostel needs of single working women in the country and the accommodation both private and Government actually available at fair prices ; and

(c) whether Government also propose to involve reputed voluntary agencies/individuals in this work specially the retired public servants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Scheme of Assistance for the Construction of Hostel Buildings for Working Women with a Day Care Centre is being implemented through voluntary agencies.

Railway Accidents during the Past Two Months

529. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :
 PROF. P. J. KURIEN :
 SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOJ ALI KHAN :
 SHRI VISHNU MODI :
 SHRI B. V. DESAI :
 SHRI R. M. BHOYE :
 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK :
 SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
 SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :
 SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA :
 SHRI SRIHARI RAO :
 SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway accidents which took place during the past two months ;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured and damage to railway property as a result of those accidents ;

(c) the causes of the accidents which came to light after conducting enquiry, if any ;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the main cause of these accidents was the negligence on the part of railway employees ;

(e) if so, the concrete measures being taken to prevent such accidents in future and particularly the measures for combating with the human factor ;

(f) whether any compensation has been paid or ex-gratia payment made to the families of those killed and injured therein ;

(g) if so, the details thereof ; and

(h) whether Railways are incurring losses to the tune of Rs. 200 crores every year owing to accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Speeding Up of Bangalore Trivandrum Express

530. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bangalore-Trivandrum Express is the slowest express in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to speed up the Bangalore-Trivandrum Express ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal.

Setting UP of a Shipping Development Bank of India

531. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level official Committee headed by the Secretary of the Ministry has recommended setting up of a Shipping Development Bank of India (SDBI) ;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Committee ; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) The Committee to review the arrangements for assistance to shipping companies has, *inter alia* in its report, submitted in June, '85, suggested the setting up of Shipping Development Bank of India with the objective of gradual reduction of dependence of Indian shipping industry on Government budgetary outlays and to permit greater application of banking principles to ship financing. The recommended bank is to be provided with a nucleus of equity by Government and would be expected to raise resources from the market by way of loans, debentures, bonds etc.

(c) Government has not taken decision in the matter.

Financial Assistance from State Governments to Run Uneconomic Sections of Railways

532. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM :

PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board intends to seek financial help from State Governments in running certain uneconomic sections of the Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact about 41 such sections including Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge are there in the country;

(c) what is the loss incurred therefrom; and

(d) what was actually sought from the State Governments or what were proposals in this behalf ?