

It has been decided not to restore the above dismantled lines, as alternative means of transport exist in most of these areas and hence their restoration has not been considered justified.

Setting up of Phosphatic Fertilizers Project at Paradip

2273. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Rs. 65 crore phosphatic fertilizers project at Paradip; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to set up a phosphatic fertilizer project at Paradeep during the Sixth Five Year Plan period. The proposal envisages the setting up of 300,000 tonnes per annum capacity of P^2O_5 in the form of complex fertilizers.

Programme for Conversion of M.G. into B.G. in Tamil Nadu

2274. SHRI V. S. ELANCHEZHIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans and programmes for the conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge;

(b) the position in Tamil Nadu and the extent to which the schedules have been kept up; and

(c) the extent of slippages in the schedules in Tamil Nadu and the steps proposed for more vigorous implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Fourteen projects involving conversion of 3880 Kms. of track estimated to cost Rs. 423 crores are at present

in hand. Projects to be included in the 6th Plan have not been finalised so far.

(b) and (c). Planning of gauge conversion projects is not done State-wise but on all India basis taking into account the requirements of traffic. It is, however, stated that a re-appraisal of the traffic prospects and updating of the cost of the railway project for a new line from Karur to Madurai via Dindigul, and conversion of Madurai-Tirunelveli/Tuticorin MG line falling in Tamil Nadu is proposed to be carried out taking into account the latest developments.

Another survey has been completed for providing a BG line to Tuticorin by extending the new BG line which is under construction, beyond Tirunelveli, and the survey report is awaited.

News-Item regarding Looting of a Train at Gunthal Station

2275. SHRI YADVENDRA DUTT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item published on 13th October, 1978, saying that 12 armed men looted a train at Gunthal railway station on Moradabad—Chandausi-Aligarh branch line; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check these anti-social elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) On 10-10-1978 at about 0.10 hrs. about 8 to 10 criminals armed with countrymade pistols entered ASM's office at Railway Station Gumthal in Chandausi-Moradabad section of Moradabad Division of Northern Railway and looted Railway cash Rs. 160.90, wrist watches and personal belongings of the Station Staff on duty. They also locked the station staff on duty inside the Station Master's room and proceeded towards Railway quarters where they looted the personal belongings of Cabinman and To-