

Statement—III

Gauge conversion schemes—works in progress

S. No.	State	Kilometres	Estimated cost (in crores of Rs.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	130.22	16.56
2.	Andhra Pradesh/Karnataka	267.00	25.64
3.	Assam	157.00	54.00
4.	Bihar	219.60	31.71
5.	Bihar/U.P.	587.00	92.52
6.	Delhi/Haryana/Rajasthan/Gujarat	925.00	150.00
7.	Rajasthan/Haryana/Punjab	142.00	17.93
8.	Gujarat	601.64	86.11
9.	Karnataka	138.00	15.96
10.	Maharashtra	354.00	46.02
11.	U.P.	318.50	41.41
	TOTAL:	3839.96	577.86

New Gauge Conversion Schemes

1.	Assam	580.00	100.00
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Basic Amenities to casual labourers

6147. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minimum basic amenities have not so far been provided to casual labourers in the Railways; and

(b) if so the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Casual labour are not regular railway employees. They are, therefore, not

entitled to all amenities admissible to regular Railway employees. On absorption in regular class IV, however, they become eligible for the conditions of employment admissible to regular staff.

Development of Anti-Cancer Drug

6148. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
PROF. K. K. TIWARI:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an anti-cancer drug has been developed

by the scientists of the Chittaranjan National Cancer Research Centre, Calcutta.

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to introduce this drug in the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The scientists at the Chittaranjan National Cancer Research Centre, Calcutta have developed a new anti-cancer drug 'Sicafek' which is a bio-chemic medicine and consists of Phosphate salts of Potassium, Calcium, iron and Silica combined with lactose and prepared according to bio-chemic principles. The preparation produced regression of tumours in mice and one isolated case of cancer got freed of malignancy after treatment with this drug.

(c) Although Sicafek has produced some regression in cases of tumour of the cervix, the number of cases treated to so far are too small for any objective assessment. It is necessary that that the drug is tried in a larger number of cases and the results evaluated before its introduction for use in hospitals can be considered.

Introduction of North Bengal Express between new Cooch Behar to Sealdah

6149. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to start North Bengal Express from New Cooch Behar to Sealdah; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Introduction of a new train between Sealdah and New Cooch Behar is not operationally feasible at present for want of spare line capacity on sections enroute and terminal facilities both at New Cooch-Behar and Sealdah.

Locomotive Manufacturing Unit

6150. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a separate unit for manufacture of locomotives;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to import the technology for the said unit; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

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

Steps to protect Neelachal Express from anti-social elements

6151. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA RATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Neelachal Express has become the victim of anti-social elements who besides pulling alarm chain, resort to all sorts of minor crimes;

(b) if so, the steps his Ministry propose to take to protect this train from the anti-social elements; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There have been a few incidents of crime in Neelachal