

has been allotted for this work during 1980-81 and a beginning is expected to be made shortly.

(b) This survey forms part of Darbhanga-Jayanagar conversion. Instructions have been issued to N.E. Railway to complete this survey early.

(c) Updated estimate for construction of the line is expected to be received shortly and N. E. Railway will undertake this work for construction after sanction to the estimate, subject to availability of funds in 1981-82.

(d) Model experiments for selection of a site for construction of this bridge are in progress at CWPRS, Pune.

(e) The reappraisal survey is in progress.

(f) The actual distance for a new BG line between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga via Katra-Bharwara and Singhwara is 65.54 kms. & serves the important towns.

The direct route via Banbad though shorter by 8 kms. leaves out these towns.

(g) A survey was carried out for conversion from MG to BG of the section from Samastipur to Raxaul both via Muzaffarpur and via Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, etc. The engineering and traffic survey reports were examined in Board's Office in 1971. After examination of the relative advantages and disadvantages of the two alternatives routes, it was decided in 1978-79 to carry out an engineering-cum-traffic reappraisal survey for conversion of only Muzaffarpur-Raxaul MG section via Sagauli to BG. Reappraisal of that survey is in progress.

### Number of Trains Cancelled

538. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:

SHRI K. PRADHANI;

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

SHRI KAMLA MISHRA:

MADHUKAR:

SHRI CHHITTUBHAI GAMIT:

SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI:

SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain number of trains have been cancelled recently;

(b) if so, their number section-wise.

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Keeping in view the needs of industries and the inadequate availability of steam coal in the country to meet the combined requirements, Railways have had to reduce their offtake of steam coal. This together with agitation by a section of loco running staff necessitated cancellation of a number of trains in the recent past. As on 16-2-81, 331.15 pairs of passenger carrying trains stood cancelled on these accounts.

The Zone wise break up of the number of pairs of trains cancelled is as follows:—

	Central	Eastern	Northern	N.E.	N.F.	Southern	S.C.	S.E.	Western
Coal Shortage	8	..	59.5	28	..	69.5	..	1	74
Staff Agitation	..	12	22.5	27	17	..	13	..	..

(d) With the sustained improvement in the position of staff agitation and availability of loco coal the cancelled trains will be restored.

#### Assistance for Development of Ayurvedic and Traditional Medicines

539. SHRI K PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have provided some financial assistance for development of Ayurvedic and traditional medicines; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the allocation of funds, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHARANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). The Government of India has made a provision of Rs. 290.37 lakhs for the development of Traditional Systems of Medicine during the current financial year i.e. 1980-81. This sum is mainly spent on purely Central Schemes to finance various institutions of the Traditional Systems of Medicines and statutory/autonomous bodies established by the Government.

The above amount includes Rs. 40.80 lakhs to be provided to the State Governments under the two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely (i) Assistance for upgrading of Post-Graduate Departments of Training and Research in Traditional Systems of Medicine and (ii) Development of State TSM Pharmacies including Herb Gardens and Drug Testing Laboratories as detailed in the Statement.

#### Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Assistance for up-grading P.G. Depts. of Training and Research in TSM	Development of State TSM Pharmacies including Herb Gardens & Drug Testing Laboratories	
		1980-81 (Tentative)	1980-81 (Tentative)
Rajasthan . . .	2.00	2.60	
West Bengal . . .	1.50	1.00	
Maharashtra . . .	1.10	nil	
Uttar Pradesh . . .	3.40	1.00	
Madhya Pradesh . . .	2.90	0.50	
Orissa . . . . .	1.10	1.50	
Karnataka . . . . .	2.50	0.80	
Punjab . . . . .	2.00	0.05	
Tamil Nadu . . . . .	2.00	1.00	
Kerala . . . . .	7.50	0.50	
Gujarat . . . . .	0.50	1.00	
Bihar . . . . .	nil	..	
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	2.20	1.10	
Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	..	1.00	
		28.70	12.10

#### Coal and Ash Handling in Dhanbad Division

540. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Contractors and Labour Co-operatives which have