

from all angles. This is one of the sections included in the Railways' Perspective plan for gauge conversion to be considered for implementation in the next ten years or so. There is at present no proposal to extend the B. G. line beyond Gauhati to Tinsukia. This will merit consideration only when a B.G. line is established upto Gauhati in the first instance. There is also no proposal for extension of the B.G. line from Jogighopa to Gauhati along the South bank of the Brahmaputra. In this connection, it may be stated that a study recently made by the Gauhati University, has not brought forth sufficient justification for this extension.

**Plan drawn by Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission**

138. SHRI LILADHAR KOTOKI: Will the MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission, set up in pursuance of the Prime Minister's statement in Lok Sabha on the 5th December, 1969 regarding the economic development of Assam, has since drawn any plan for controlling floods and erosions of the Brahmaputra ;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, and

(c) the steps taken for its implementation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI B.N. KURLEE) : (a) to (c). The Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission have taken up the preparation of Comprehensive Plan of flood control and erosion control in the Brahmaputra valley. River Surveys required in this connection have been completed and hydrological observations are being carried out.

**Rural Electrification during 1971-72**

139. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the MINISTER OF IRRIGATION

AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to electrify the maximum number of villages during 1971-72 to facilitate the farmers and small scale industries ;

(b) whether Government have also decided to develop the backward area of Gujarat where scarcity of rains prevails every year , and

(c) the names of Districts selected in order of priority for electrification during 1971-72 in Gujarat ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SINCHAI AUR VIDYUT MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). It is intended that as many villages and pump sets as possible should be electrified early. Gujarat is one of the five States where rural electric co-operative societies are set up on a pilot basis.

The Government of Gujarat have planned to electrify 500 new villages and also energise 2,000 tube wells during the year 1971-72. These areas include some of the chronically drought affected areas of the State ; and

(c) Rural Electrification programme of the State Government for the year 1971-72 is expected to extend over all the districts of Gujarat.

**Public Sector Project in North Gujarat**

140. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India propose to establish any public sector project in Viramgan Taluka and in North Gujarat during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRA-