

(a) whether Government propose to extend Maharashtra Express plying between Kolhapur and Nagpur upto Gondia keeping in view the public demand; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Extension and Conversion of Rupsa Banglriposi Line**

1993. SHRI SAMRENDAR KUNDU: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the survey for rextension and conversion into broad-gauge of Rupsa-Banglriposi Railway line in South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). A survey was carried out for conversion to Rupsa-Banglriposi N.G. Line into B.G. and its extension of Gurumahisani and dalbhumgarh in 1981. The cost as estimated at that time was Rs. 11.07 crores for conversion and Rs. 9.56 crores for extension. The cots is now estimated to be Rs. 47.45 crores for conversion of Rupsa-Banglriposi and Rs. 39.25 crores for extension not Dalbbhumgarh and Chakulia.

On consideration of development of backward and tribal areas updating of the survey has been approved.

[*Translation*]

#### **Thermal Power Plants In Katihar, Bihar**

1994. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether only three thermal power plants are operating in Bihar where as in its neighbouring State, Uttar Pradesh, twelve thermal power plants are operating;

(b) whether agriculture and industry in Bihar are suffering heavy losses due to power crises;

(c) whether a thermal power plant of 500 MW capacity is proposed to be set up in Katihar district of eastern Bihar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) At present, there are three thermal power stations operating in Bihar and eleven thermal power stations operating in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) There is no statutory power cut on agricultural industrial consumers in Bihar and the shortages are met by resorting to load shedding/restrictions, depending upon the day-today availability of power in the State.

(c) and (d). It is proposed to set up a 2 x 500 MW Super Thermal Power Station in the Central Sector at North Karan Pura in Bihar.

[*English*]

#### **Repair of Vizag-Balladila Rail Line**

1995. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vizag-Baladila Railway line has been damaged due to cyclone;

(b) if so, the total estimated loss of damage; and

(c) how long it will take to repair the line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Kottavalasa-Kirandul Line, which serves the Bailadila mines, was damaged during the recent cyclone.

(b) The loss due to damage to Railway lines is Rs. 8 crores approximately.

(c) The line has been restored to traffic on 22.6.90.

#### Expansion of Railways in Bihar

1996. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have made future plans for the development and expansion of railways in Bihar State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have received any such proposals for Bihar Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken on those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government of Bihar had suggested, in the past, construction of following new lines and gauge conversions:

New lines  
Kahalgau

- i. Lalmaia - Hazaribagh
- ii. Ranchi-Girdih, via Hazaribagh
- iii. Deoghar-Dumka
- iv. Dehri-on-Sone-Pipradih-Jadunathpur-Bhavnathpur
- v. Arrah-Sasaram.

Gauge Conversions (MG/NG to BG)

- i. Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj
- ii. Katihar-Jogbani.

(e) Survey for Ranchi-Hazaribagh new line has been approved. Survey for Dumka-Manar Hill will be taken up in 91-92. Survey for the gauge conversion of Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj-MG to BG has recently been completed. At the instance of the Government of Bihar, RITES have submitted a draft report for Dehri-on-Pipradih-Jadunathpur-Bhavnathpur.

#### H.O.R. Quota at Jalandhar Station

1997. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representation that there is no H.O.R. (High Officials Reservation) quota at the Jalandhar City Railway Station in the frontier Mail and Jammu Tawi Mail;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allot H.O.R. quota in those trains at Jalandhar City in view of the fact that large number of V.I.Ps have to board trains from this station; and