

(b) reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by which Letters of Intent will be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI) (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY) : (a) Five.

(b) The State Governments/the parties concerned have been addressed for certain additional information and on receipt of information, the matter will be placed before the Licensing Committee for consideration.

(c) The Letters of Intent will be issued after the cases are cleared by the Licensing Committee.

**Conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge tracks**

\* 42. SHRI D.K. PANDA:  
SHRI BISHWANATH ROY:

Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have drawn up a perspective plan for the conversion of metre gauge tracks into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the main details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) to (c). A perspective plan for the conversion to Broad Gauge of about 3200 KMs. of some of the arterial high density metre gauge routes in the country in the next 10 to 15 years at a cost of about Rs. 230 crores has been prepared. A Statement containing the list of these sections is laid on the Table of the Sabha. The lines to be actually converted and their order of priority will be finalised after surveys and economic studies are completed and the reports thereon examined from all angles and conversion of the lines is found to be justified.

**Statement**

S.No.	Name of Section
1.	Varanasi-Bhatni-Gorakhpur.
2.	Barabanki-Gonda-Gorakhpur (including parallel B. G. line between Barabanki and Gonda).
3.	Virangam-Okha-Porbandar.
4.	Guntakal-Banglore (including parallel B.G. line between Guntakal and Dharmavaram).
5.	Bongaigaon-Gauhati.
6.	Karur Dindigul-Tuticorin (including new B.G. line between Karur and Dindigul and parallel B.G. line between Dindigul and Madurai and conversion of Madurai-Tuticorin-Maniyachi-Tirunelveli).
7.	Bhatni-Barauni-Katihar.
8.	Samastipur—Raxaul via Muzaffarpur or Darbhanga.
9.	Ernakulam-Quilon-Trivandrum.
10.	Miraj—Londa—Hospet—Murmugao and Alnaver-Dandeli.

उत्तर प्रदेश में टनकपुर से बागेश्वर तक  
रेलवे लाइन बिछाना

\* 43. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ वर्ष पूर्व उत्तर प्रदेश में टनकपुर से बागेश्वर तक रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का प्रस्ताव था;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त प्रस्ताव के अन्तर्गत किये जाने वाले कार्य उस प्रस्ताव को क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) बागेश्वर के औद्योगिक (चाक कारखाना)