

9. Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej Bharuch-Samni-Dahej has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar for which survey report is under finalisation.
10. Gauge conversion of Ankle'shwar-Rajpipla. Surveys conducted in the past have revealed inadequate traffic prospects. As such, it has not been found possible to take up the work for the present.
11. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar. A survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur is already in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.
12. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Vijapur In view of the having throwforward for gauge conversion project, there is no proposal for gauge conversion of this section at present.
13. Gauge conversion of DabhoiMiyagam Survey for gauge conversion of this line has already been completed as an alternative line of the proposed alignment for 3rd line between Virar-Ahmedabad. However, this line could not be considered as part of 3rd line as the alignments on western side of Virar-Ahmedabad BG line has been found most suitable for the 3rd line on operational consideration.
14. Gauge conversion of Chhotaudepur-Pratapnagar A survey for gauge conversion of this line is already in progress. Further consideration of this project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

**Rail line between Kumar-Ghat and Agartala**

523. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work of extension of rail line between Kumar-Ghat and Agartala has commenced;
- (b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and
- (c) whether the work is progressing as per the schedule?

[3 December, 1999]

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 560 acres of land has been acquired out of 929 acres required, earthwork and minor bridges are in progress in a length of 42 km in the plains. The final location survey is in progress in the hilly area and work would be taken up as soon as the alignment is identified and land becoming available thereafter.

(c) Yes Sir.

#### **High Level Railway Panel to reduce accidents**

524. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the high level Railway Panel to reduce accidents; and

(b) the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, has submitted Part-I of their Report. Part-II of their Report is yet to be received in Part-I of their Report, the Committee has made 150 recommendations.

(b) Action will be taken on those recommendations which will be accepted by the Government.

#### **Unmanned Railway Crossings in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu**

525. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unmanned railway crossings in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) how many accidents have taken place during the last two years on those crossings; and

(c) what is the number of such crossings proposed to be manned during the next year and how much expenditure is likely to be incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a) Andhra Pradesh — 1548 nos.

Tamil Nadu — 1566 nos.

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Total — 3114 nos.

(b) Accident statistics on Indian Railway are maintained Railway Zone-wise and