

State;

(b) whether major towns/cities of the State remain unconnected with State Capital or *inter se* between various districts causing hardships/setback to the development of the State;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Hissar-Barwala with Narwana junction and further to link the same with Semand-Patiala upto Chandigarh; and

(d) whether the Railway Ministry propose to connect Ambala-Pehowa-Kaithal which falls in a rich agricultural land?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. Haryana is well served by an efficient and extensive rail network.

(b) No, Sir. With the conversion of Bhatinda-Hissar-Rewari, being completed by 30.06.94 even those towns which were not connected to Chandigarh owing to being on M.G. will now get connected.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Completion of Jakhapura-Banspani rail line, Orissa

7844. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) the target date fixed for the completion of Jakhapura-Banspani line in Orissa;

(b) the progress made so far in the construction of that line;

(c) the progress expected by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount allocated for that project so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Target date for completion not yet fixed because environmental clearance for the complete project has not yet been received from the Ministry of Environment.

(b) 33 kms. line Jakhapura-Daitari completed. Earthwork commenced on 100 - kms of the route out of 124 kms. cleared by Ministry of Environment.

(c) Depends upon environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment for the project as a whole and the availability of resources.

(d) Funds allocated for the Project so far are as follows:

1992-93	Rs. 10 crores
1993-94	Rs. 25 crores
1994-95	Rs. 23 crores.

Quality of Food Supplied in Delhi-Howrah Express

7845. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether he has recently received any complaints about the bad quality of food being served on Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether he would furnish details of the improvements made in the catering units as well as in the quality of food served on this train; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Some Hon'ble Members of Parliament have sent their observations for improvement in Catering Service on this train which are being acted upon depending on feasibility.

(c) and (d) Cooking of meals is being undertaken at modernised Base kitchens. Drinking water in sealed bottles of 1000 ml. capacity are now being served to all the passengers on this train. Beside existing a-la-carte items snacks and soup from reputed companies have also been introduced. Special care is also being