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1. Road over bridge at Matunga.
2. Road over bridge at Mahim.
3. Road over bridge at Goregaon.
4. Road over bridge at Kandivali-Borivali.
5. Road over bridge at Saphala.
6. Road over bridge between Jaisingapur-Nimshiragaon.
7. Road over bridge between Parli-Bajnath.
8. Road over bridge at Mulund.
9. Road over bridge at Borkhadi.
10. Road over bridge at Buti Bori.
11. Road over bridge at Khapri.

(b) and (c) Railways consider proposals for replacement of busy level crossings with Road over/under bridges on cost sharing basis provided such schemes are sponsored by the State Government consenting to bear their share of cost, as per extant rules. In the case of Road overbridge at Crossing No. 55 near Solapur Railway station two alternative proposals were framed after joint inspection by Railways and local officials. Municipal Corporation has not conveyed their decision.

Introduction of a Rajdhani Express

391. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently introduced a Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Bangalore;

(b) whether Government also propose to introduce similar trains on New Delhi-Madras, New Delhi-Trivandrum and New Delhi-Guwahati route; and

(c) if so, by When these are likely to be introduced?

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

(b) and (c) A weekly Rajdhani Express between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Madras is being planned. However, there is no proposal at present to

introduce similar trains for Trivandrum and Guwahati.

Project for conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposi M.G. line

392. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the project for conversion of Rupsa-Bangiriposi MG line of South-Eastern Railway into Broad-gauge line;

(b) what are the details of the project; and

(c) by when the conversion work is likely to start?

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

(b) The work is included in Phase-I of the Action Plan for implementation of Project Uni-gauge.

(c) Work will be taken up in the coming years subject to availability of resources.

Introduction of fast trains called 'Rail Bus'

393. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce fast trains called 'Rail Bus' in the near future and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have identified the routes for introducing high speed trains; and

(c) if so, number of rail buses which are to be routed through South-Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. These are not trains, but buses on rails. This is an experimental area with the