

from media, travel writers, tour operators, high dignitaries and senior officials to travel on this train. The number of passengers is under verification from the RTDC by the CBI.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The matter is under investigation of the CBI.

Conversion of Kanpur-Kasganj M.G. Line

703. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversion of Kanpur-Kasganj MG rail line into BG rail line was planned to be completed long back;

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No target has yet been fixed.

(b) to (d) Do not arise. However, work is planned to be taken up and completed in phases. Earthwork and minor bridges are in progress. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.

Shortage of Coaches and Wagons

†704. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(e) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of coaches and wagons in the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the number of coaches and wagons being manufactured every year in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.