

Gauge conversion of Kasganj-Bareilly rail line

†1944. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there was proposal for conversion of meter gauge between Kasganj and Bareilly into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard, so far and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for delay in starting the work, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The gauge conversion of Kasganj-Bareilly-Lalkua section (190.59 Kms.) has already been taken up as part of Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura and Kasganj-Bareilly-Lalkua (554.50 Kms.) gauge conversion project. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources and is expected to be completed in next 2-3 years.

Performance of NSIC

1945. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Government propose to evaluate the performance of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) in promoting the export from SSI sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that NSIC was not able to meet target of organizing exhibition last year, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the (NSIC) was not able to meet the target set for the participation in exhibitions if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.