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| | | prices and fresh contracts have been fixed. This project is likely to be completed by 31.3.2010. |
| GAUGE CONVERSION | | |
| 1. | Shimoga-Talguppa (97 Km.) | Delay caused due to heavy rains in 2008-09 and problems in getting stone quarry products. Work is targeted for completion during 2009-10. |
| DOUBLING | | |
| 1. | Dharwad-Kambarganvi (26 Km.) | Land acquisition problems were experienced in this project. After lot of efforts, land at Dharwad has been acquired. Land at Kambarganvi and Mugad has still not been handed over. Dharwad-Mugad section is targeted for completion by 31.3.2010. |
| 2. | Arasikere-Birur (44 Km) | Regular meetings are held with state authorities to sort out land acquisition problems. Section 4(1) for land acquisition has been issued recently. Work is likely to be completed by 31.3.2010 from Arasikere to Devanur. |
| 3. | Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling (92 Km) with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore section | Regular meetings are held with Regional Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Karnataka to sort out land acquisition problems between Settihalli, Mandya and Mysore. |

Gauge conversion

248. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to convert all small gauge railway lines into broad gauge;

(b) whether it has prepared a plan with time-frame; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Direct train between Delhi and Kanpur

249. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train between Delhi and Kanpur *via* Mathura/Hathras and Kasganj; and