

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Electronic in motion weigh bridges

2549. SHRI M. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since decided to replace the existing mechanical weigh bridges with newly developed pitless electronic in-motion weigh bridges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the number of proposals for supply of such new type of weigh bridges which have been received;

(c) whether any orders have been placed with the suppliers during the year 1984; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken to replace the bridges soon for better receipts of goods revenue?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) It has been decided to introduce electronic weigh-bridges on trial basis so that, if found suitable the old mechanical weigh bridges could be replaced by them.

(b) On an electronic weigh-bridge wagons can be weighed while in motion without detaching these from the rake and a print-out of the weighment can be obtained. It helps in avoiding cases of over-loading and also helps in detecting cases of uneven loading etc.

Proposals for the indigenous supply of these weigh-bridges have been received from four firms, out of which two firms have already supplied one weigh-bridge each against developmental orders placed by Railways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Further action regarding a phased programme for the replacement of existing mechanical weigh-bridges will depend upon the experience with the electronic weigh bridges procured against developmental orders.

Conversion of Miraj-Bangalore metre gauge line into broad gauge

2550. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up conversion of Miraj-Bangalore metre gauge line into broad gauge during 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b) Survey report for conversion of Bangalore-Miraj M. G. line along with connected branch lines is under technical scrutiny. A decision on the same will be taken after technical scrutiny is completed subject to clearance by the Planning Commission and availability of resources.

Electric engines

2551. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present holding of electrical engines and the average hours of actual run per day per engine Zone wise;

(b) what is the number of hours per day for which an electrical engine is designed to run;

(c) what is its maximum permitted speed together with its actual average speed; and

(d) what is the present average capacity utilisation of an electric engine?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) A statement is attached.