

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are too many people. ..

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA: The hon. Minister has advanced many reasons regarding brain drain. Is he aware that one of the principal grounds is lack of facilities for experts in our country? I have seen a television broadcast of Dr. Denton Cooley....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Time up.

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA: Kindly allow me to finish. Let the hon. Minister make a note of the question and that will be enough. I have seen recently a television broadcast by Dr. Denton Cooley, the best heart surgeon in the world, along with some of the other pioneers. He has categorically said—he has observed many operations performed by surgeons in India—that he is of opinion that the Indian surgeons are in no way inferior to the best surgeons in the world.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

जबलपुर-गोदिया रेल लाइन का बदला जाना

*125. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जबलपुर-गोदिया छोटी रेल लाइन को बड़ी रेल लाइन में बदले जाने के सम्बन्ध में किये गए सर्वेक्षण का व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) इस लाइन पर कब तक कार्य आरम्भ होने की आशा है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री बंसी लाल) : (क) और (ख) जबलपुर-गोदिया (228 कि० मी०) छोटी लाइन खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान-परिवर्तन के लिए सर्वेक्षण-कार्य 1980 में पूरा हो गया था। यह परियोजना वित्त-क्षम नहीं पायी गयी थी।

इस कार्य को शुरू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Lalabazar—Bhairabi Rail Line

*126. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new metre-gauge railway line is being constructed between Lalabazar and Bhairabi on the Northeast Frontier Railway;

(b) if so, what is the latest position of the construction of the line and by when it is likely to be completed and opened for traffic;

(c) whether Government propose to link Lalabazar with Vairangte in Mizoram; and

(d) if so, by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER of RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress of construction is approximately 28%. Completion of the project will depend upon the availability of resources, in the coming years.

(c) and (d) A survey for construction of a metre gauge railway line from Lalabazar to Vairangte has been carried out in 1983. Due to severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand, it is not proposed to take up construction of this project at present.

Reaffirmation of Support to UNESCO

*128. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA; SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reaffirmed support to UNESCO; and

(b) whether special funds were provided by Government to the UNESCO during the year 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In response to the resolution adopted by the Executive Board of UNESCO with a view to overcoming the financial difficulties faced by the