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THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) Particulars with regard to such units are not centrally maintained in the Government.

(c) Companies which are closed are not likely to undertake such activities.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Gauge Conversion

* 287 PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gauge conversion works going on in the country at present, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, project-wise State-wise;

(b) the progress of gauge conversion works made so far;

(c) the details of funds granted for gauge conversion works during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) by when the aforesaid projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Railways do not maintain information State-wise. The zone-wise details are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 30] However, the States through which these lines traverse have been indicated.

About 8700 kms of Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge lines have been converted into Broad Gauge so far out of 14657 kms identified in the Action Plan since project unigauge was started on 1.4.92.

(c) The details of funds provided for gauge conversion works in the 1st four years of the Ninth Five Year Plan are as under:—

1997-98	Rs. 996 crs.
1998-99	Rs. 803 crs.
1999-2000	Rs. 735 crs.
2000-2001	Rs. 623 crs.
(Railway funds) + Rs.	75 crs. (Under BOLT)

(d) Targets are fixed on year to year basis depending upon availability of resources. Targets, wherever fixed, have also been indicated in the Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 30]