

rooms is taken up on a programmed basis depending upon the traffic offering at a particular station subject to availability of funds. Between Manmad and Kacheguda, there are covers over platforms at 31 stations, waiting rooms for upper class passengers at 19 stations, waiting halls for IInd class passengers at 39 stations, water coolers at 9 stations, water trolleys at 14 stations and adequate drinking water arrangements at all stations, 24 tea stalls and 4 refreshment rooms.

(b) Does not arise.

Laying of new Railway lines in Aurangabad

2812. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHARAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to lay new railway lines in Aurangabad Division to connect Ahmednagar-Bihar-Purli to Nanded and also Ramagundam with Nizamabad-Bodhan-Begler, Mukhed, Kandhar, Gangakhed and Purli?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The conversion of Gangakhed-Parli Vajjnath section has been approved as a part of the Manmad-Parthani-Parli Vajjnath conversion project. A survey is in progress for construction of a B. S. lines from Ramgundum to Nizamabad. For the other sections, there are no proposals under consideration at present.

Conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge

2813. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHARAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the exact period fixed for the completion of work for the conversion of Manmad-Mudkhed metre gauge line into broad gauge;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the completion of the above works; and

(c) what are the details of programme for the conversion of Manmad-Mudkhed to Adilabad Railway line into broad gauge?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad (114 Kms) section has been taken up as a first phase of the Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vajjnath conversion project. Manmad-Aurangabad section is expected to be completed during the 7th Plan period subject to availability of funds and permanent way materials.

(b) Constraints of resources.

(c) No target dates have so far been fixed in view of the serious constraint of funds. The conversion of the entire Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vajjnath section will cover 354 Kms, and require about Rs. 70 crores at present day price level. The work on the section beyond Aurangabad upto Parbhani-Parli Vajjnath will be taken up in the next phase, and efforts will be made to complete it in the 7th Plan period, subject to availability of funds. The Parbhani-Mudkhed-Adilabad section is not yet approved for conversion into B. G.

Award of bookstall contract

2814. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1144 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1982 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present contract of Static Mobile bookstall was allotted to a registered partnership of unemployed graduates (M/s. A. S. Manoj & Co.) through normal procedure and after confirming their eligibility by the competent authorities and executed agreements;