

t [Conversion of the Samastipur—
Barabanki Railway line

37. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether wooden sleepers and rails are being made available according to requirements for the work of conversion of the Barabanki-Samasti-pur narrow gauge railway line into broad-gauge;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and who are responsible for not making adequate arrangements for the supply of the said materials; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure adequate supply of the said materials for the project?]

रेल मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) बाराबंकी-समस्तीपुर आमान-परिवर्तन परियोजना के लिए लकड़ी के स्लीपरों और पटरियों की सप्लाई की स्थिति इस प्रकार है :--

	लकड़ी के स्लीपर (संख्या)	पटरियां (टन)
कुल आवश्यकता	773,000	66,825
31 मार्च 78 तक प्राप्त	340,000	18,615
1978-79 के दौरान आवंटन	200,000	28,100
बकाया मात्रा जिसकी व्यवस्था 1979-80 में की जानी है	223,000	20,110

(ख) और (ग) आमान-परिवर्तन के कार्य को 1980 तक पूरा करने के लिए अपेक्षित सभी रेल पथ सामग्री की आपूर्ति करने के लिए प्रत्येक प्रयास किया जा रहा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) The position regarding the supply of wooden sleepers and rails for Barabanki-Samastipur gauge conversion project is as under:—

	Wooden sleepers (Nos)	Rails (Tons)
Total requirement	773,000	66,825
Received upto 31st March 1978	340,000	18,615
Allotment during 1978-79	200,000	28,100
Balance quantity to be arranged in 1979-80	223,000	20,110

(b) and (c) Every effort is being made to supply all the track materials required for completing the gauge conversion work by 1980.]

Pilferage* on the Indian Railways

38. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was an increase in pilferage of goods in all the Zones of the Indian Railways during the year, 1977-78 as compared to the previous three years; and

(b) if so, what are the figures of the value of goods pilfered during the last three years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Regional Office of the Northeast Frontier Railway Service Commission

39. SHRI AHMED HOSSAIN

MONDAL: SHRIMATI

FRATIMA BOSE: SHRI JAHARLAL BANER-

JEE: SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation for the setting up of a Regional Office of the Northeast Frontier Railway Service Commission at Siliguri or Alipurduar Junction in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of the Coimbatore Railway Station

40. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the expansion of the Coimbatore Railway Station in Tamil Nadu; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration for providing a new double storeyed building in lieu of the existing single storeyed building. New building is proposed to be so laid out as to improve the circulating area and will be

given a modern and appealing facade consistent with the importance of the Coimbatore Station. The building will provide for a second class waiting hall, upper class reservation-cum-enquiry office cloak room, parcel office, R.T.O's and R.M.S. office etc.

Leading Libraries

41 SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce more lending libraries in the running trains of the various Zonal Railways in addition to the existing ones; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to provide mobile lending libraries-cum-bookstalls on trains, other than the 16 trains on which this facility exists.

Discontinuance of Publication of the All India Railway Time Table

42. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for discontinuing the publication of All India Railway Time Table; and

(b) whether Government propose to resume the publication of the Time Table?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) For the facility and convenience of long-distance passengers who travel by multi-zonal trains, a new edition of All India Railway Time Table, showing abstract timings of Mail/Express trains in trainwise/routewise tables, in place of the previous Time-Table, which was a collection of timings por-