

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 12th May, 2006/22 Vaisakha, 1928 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN

SHRI B.J. PANDA (Orissa)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 401.

*401. [The questioner (Shrimati Prema Cariappa) was absent. For answer see page 38].

Doubling and Electrification of Railway lines in North East

*402. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:†

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway budget offered no new trains save for the Link Express from Darbhanga to Guwahati for the North East;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision on doubling the Guwahati-Tinsukia broad gauge line and also think in terms of railway electrification;

(c) what progress has been achieved, so far, regarding the conversion of the hills section's Lumding-Badarpur (Barak Valley) metre gauge into broad-gauge; and

(d) the reasons for Central budget's silence over Assam's Bogheebil rail-cum road bridge which was to have been taken up as a national project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Vijay Mallya.