

when these trade enquiries have been processed.

Chanasma, and (iv) Chanasma-Harij sections of Western Railway ?

REPAIRS TO OR RENEWAL OF RAILS AND SLEEPERS ON SECTIONS OF WESTERN RAILWAY

52. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state when the repairs to or renewal of rails and sleepers were carried out on (i) Mehsana-Patan-Kakoshi Metrana Road, (ii) Mehsana-Taranga Hill, (iii) Kalol-Kadi-Bechrajee-

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (i) Repairs to the track are carried out cyclically throughout the year.

(ii) The renewals of rails and sleepers shown in the attached statement have been recently completed, taken in hand, or sanctioned and expected to be taken in hand shortly.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Names of sections	Remarks
1.	Mehsana-Patan-Kakoshi-Metrana Road	Complete track (rail as well as sleeper) renewal of 3-62 kilometres in Mehsana yard has been completed, of 2-17 kilometres in other yards is nearing completion and of a length of 40-85 kilometres has been sanctioned and will be taken in hand shortly.
2.	Mehsana-Taranga Hill	Complete track renewal of 3-22 kilometres in station yards has recently been completed. Through sleeper renewal of 19-76 kilometres on this section has been sanctioned and work on 10-00 kilometres out of this has been completed already.
3.	Kalol-Kadi-Bechrajee-Chanasma	Complete track renewal of 4-38 kilometres in yards is nearing completion and of 29-22 kilometres between Chanasma and Katosan Road stations has been sanctioned and the work will be started during 1965-66.
4.	Chanasma-Harij	Complete track renewal of 21-18 kilometres has been started, out of which a length of 2-0 kilometres has been completed.

DIESEL ENGINE PASSENGER TRAINS

53. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of diesel engine passenger trains that will be put on trial basis in the country; and

(b) the extent to which the trains will ease over-crowding and ensure faster movement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SURHAG SINGH) : (a) and (b) There is a tentative proposal to provide diesel traction on two pairs of fast trains running between New Delhi and Madras and one pair of trains between Howrah and Madras. The trains are the G. T. Expresses and Southern Expresses/Airconditioned Expresses between New Delhi and Madras and the Howrah-Madras Mails between Howrah and Madras.