

Conversion of Railway Lines in the Gwalior Region

5. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the narrow gauge lines into broad gauge lines in the Gwalior region; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of the survey work and by when the conversion of the lines is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SAR-DAR BUTA SINGH): (a) It is not proposed to take up the conversion of these lines at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Diesel Loco Shed at Ludhiana

6. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to construct a Diesel Loco Shed at Ludhiana in Punjab;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the shed;

(c) by when the construction work is likely to start; and

(d) by when the entire project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SAR-DAR BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) About Rs. 1.58 Crores.

(c) and (d) The work is expected to be taken up during 1976-77 and is likely to be completed in about 3 years.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

7. SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN:

SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state the steps taken by his Ministry and the undertakings under its administrative control to implement the 20-Point Economic Programme especially in regard to the worker's participation in management?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The steps taken to implement the 20-Point Economic Programme by the Ministry of Petroleum and undertakings under its control include:—

(i) All round improvement in discipline, cleanliness and punctuality.

(ii) improvement in disposal of work and clearance of arrears.

(iii) economy in non-essential expenditure.

(iv) improvement in response to public complaints.

(v) stepping up of efforts to explore and develop indigenous sources of crude oil.

(vi) increase in production of crude oil by 5,07,000 tonnes during July 1975, March 1976 compared to corresponding period in 1974-75.

(vii) Opening of multi-purpose rural marketing centres to improve availability of essential inputs to rural sector at controlled prices. 180 such centres have already been commissioned so far.

(viii) Increase in the intake of apprentices in Public Sector Undertaking.

(ix) speeding up the disposal of applications for industrial licences.