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Doubling of Patna-Gaya rail track

†*479. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering complete doubling of Patna-Gaya rail track under the Danapur Railway Division of Eastern Railway; if so, the details thereof;

(b) by when this track would be completely doubled; and

(c) the length of rail track for which sanction has been given as on date for doubling and by when the same is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NATISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Doubling of Patna-Gaya section (91.75 km.) has been taken up in phases. Patna-Parsabazar section (7.24 km.) has already been doubled.

Work is in progress in Parsabazar-Punpun-Taregna section (22.28 km.). Doubling of Gaya- Chakand (9.29 km.) has been included in the Budget 2002-2003 and would be taken up once the Budget is passed by the Parliament. Parsabazar-Punpun (6.01 km.) has been targeted for completion during 2002-2003 and Punpun-Taregna (16.27 km.) is expected to be completed during 2003-2004. The doubling of Gaya-Chakand section will be completed in 2003-2004.

Vocational schools

†*480. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of vocational schools in the country is less than their requirement;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of vocational schools in the country; and

(c) the average percentage of the number of such vocational schools, as per population of the respective State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) "Education" is in the concurrent list of Constitution and the responsibility for education, including vocational

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education upto secondary level lies with the State Governments. Programmes on vocational education and training are also conducted by other Ministries, such as Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare etc.

In view of the importance of the vocational education, Ministry of Human Resource Development launched a scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education in 1988. Since then the Government is providing financial assistance to State Governments for opening sections of vocational courses at plus two level in schools. The total number of schools, where sections for vocational courses have been sanctioned is given in the Statement (See below)

The number of schools having vocational sections under the scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education as per million of population, State-wise is also given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Vocational Schools

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of Schools as on 1.4.2001	Number of schools per million of population in the State
1.	Andhra Pradesh	668	9
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	4
3.	Assam	225	8
4.	Bihar	251	3
5.	Goa	43	33
6.	Gujarat	364	7
7.	Haryana	98	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	40	7
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	38	4
10.	Karnataka	564	11
11.	Kerala	363	11
12.	Madhya Pradesh	465	8
13.	Maharashtra	1141	12
14.	Manipur	19	10

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Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of schools as on 1.4.2001	Number of schools per million of population in the State
15.	Meghalaya	10	5
16.	Mizoram	17	17
17.	Nagaland	8	4
18.	Orissa	231	6
19.	Punjab	282	12
20.	Rajasthan	155	3
21.	Sikkim	7	7
22.	Tamil Nadu	700	11
23.	Tripura	12	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	910	5
25.	West Bengal	39	1
26.	Andaman and Nicobar	3	8
27.	Chandigarh	17	17
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2	10
29.	Daman and Diu	2	13
30.	Delhi	38	3
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	12	12
TOTAL:		6728	—

National average number of schools per million of population is 7

Agro water management

†3326. PROF. R.B:S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated money for agro water management in the agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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