

resources and heavy commitments on hand, there is no proposal to take up construction of this line at present.

Madhepura Pratapganj Railway Line

9890. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMARRAVI YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether a proposal for laying railway line from Dadhepura to Pratapganj via Singheshwar in Bihar is long pending with Government;

(b) whether technical and administrative approval for laying the railway line from Madhepura to Singheshwar has already been given and sanction for Singheshwar to Pratapganj is still pending;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to construct the railway line from Madhepura to Pratapganj via Singheshwar by sanctioning Singheshwar-Pratapganj line also; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) (a) to (d). A survey for a MG line from Dauram Madhepura to Singheshwar Asthan had been conducted but the Railway line was not approved for construction.

There is no proposal, at present, to construct a railway line from Dauram Madhepura to Singheshwar Asthan and its extension to Pratapganj due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand

[English]

Production Performance of Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Company Limited

9891. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY: be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Which was set up to manufacture photographic products from basic stage only is in effect doing more than 60 per cent business in slitting/confectioning of imported Jumbo rolls and trading of finished colour amateur film manufactured in Japan/West Germany; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) and (b). M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Ltd. (HPF) was set up in 1960 and has facilities for manufacture of a range of Black & White products and Medical X-ray films (CTA). To meet the increasing demand for colour products, HPF has undertaken conversion of these products from imported jumbo rolls. At present, this activity is more than 60% of its turnover.

HPF is also setting up integrated facilities for manufacture of Polyester based Medical X-ray, Industrial X-ray and Graphic art films. This project is scheduled to be completed by October, 1991.

Nationalisation of Bankura Damodar River Railway (S.E.R.)

9892. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to nationalise Bankura Damodar River Railway in south Eastern Railway;