

**Pathankot-Jammu Railway  
Line**

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\*266 { Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:  
Shri B. C. Sharma:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of Railway line from Pathankot to Jammu was started;

(b) what is the progress; and

(c) when it is expected to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan)**

(a) to (c). A Railway line from Pathankot to Madhopur (Punjab) a distance of 9.45 miles was sanctioned in August, 1954 and opened to traffic in November, 1955. An extension of this rail head beyond Madhopur to Kathua (5.40 miles) including a bridge across the river Ravi, was sanctioned in February, 1961 and the work is well in progress. The line upto Kathua is expected to be opened to traffic by March, 1964 provided fabricated girders for Ravi bridge are obtained in time. For examining extension of this line beyond Kathua upto Jammu, Engineering and Traffic surveys are in progress.

**Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:** May I know whether in view of the emergency the Government has fixed any priority to speed up this work?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** No, Sir; there has been no such decision.

**Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:** Does Government know that there is no alternate road connecting Punjab with Jammu and Kashmir State except the Jammu-Pathankot Road? There is no other road upto this time although we had a railway connection before 1947.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes Sir; Government knows it.

**Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** May I know whether the work on the Ravi Project is progressing according to schedule?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes, Sir; it is progressing well.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** The hon. Minister has said that they are making arrangements for girders. Will the hon. Minister be careful about getting all these arrangements made before-hand so that the work is completed according to schedule?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes, Sir; as I said we hope to complete this work by March 1964. We are quite hopeful that it will be completed by that date.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : श्रीमान, जम्मू तक लाइन बनाने के बारे में जो सर्वे किया जा रहा है उसके कब तक पूरा हो जाने की उम्मीद की जाती है और कब तक काम शुरू किया जायेगा?

श्री शाहनवाज़ ख़ां : सर्वे में तो चन्द महीने और लगे काम कब शुरू होगा यह तो जब सर्वे की रिपोर्ट आ जायेगी, तब ही कुछ फैसला होने के बाद होगा ।

**Bombay Docks**

\*267. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Docks are now confronted with heavy congestion;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken to relieve the congestion?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.