

LOK SABHA

Friday, March 18, 1960/Phalguna 28,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Railway Line Beyond Madhopur

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*930. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
Shrimati Krishna Mehta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 50 on the 17th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since chosen the site at the river Ravi for crossing railway line beyond Madhopur into the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the decision taken regarding the alignment of the railway line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether a decision has been taken to extend this railway line up to Jammu?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: No, Sir.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know by what time the actual construction work is expected to be started on this project?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We have accepted this project in principle. We hope to make a start during the Second Plan and carry it forward to the Third Plan.

Shri D. C. Sharma: The Railway Ministry has a complex of surveys, starting from pre-engineering survey like engineering survey, location survey and so on. May I know whether any of these types of surveys have been started, so far as this railway line is concerned?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We cannot construct a railway line without carrying out a survey. That is necessary.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What kind of survey has been carried out on this line?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The final location survey was sanctioned on 20th January, 1960. A very important and major bridge across the river Ravi has to be constructed at a cost of over Rs. 1 crore. We have to consult other Ministries as to how far away should it be from the international border. All these things do take time. We are doing all that is possible.

Bridge on Rupnarain River

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*931. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 794 on the 11th December, 1959 and state: