

being erected and roads being constructed. An agreement has been entered into with the Madras Corporation for the supply of 2 lakh gallons of water. Staff quarters have been built....

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid that is not what the hon. Member wants to know. He wants to know whether, as in the case of a chemical plant, there are any subsidiary or ancillary or auxiliary industries being set up to produce things like any kind of furniture or material required for gates etc. It is not a question of land, walls and so on.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: These are ancillary works.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has not probably followed or understood what is meant by the hon. Member who put the question. He wants to know whether in addition to this furniture any other articles required for the Railways will be manufactured there.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Only furnishing Sir.

Khandwa-Hingoli Link

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*370. { **Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**
 { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on the Khandwa-Hingoli line has been completed;

(b) if so, the time by which passenger and goods traffic will commence on this line; and

(c) the amount of time and money spent on the construction of this line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The entire line from Khandwa to Hingoli has been opened for Goods traffic from 1st November, 1960. It is proposed to open the line for passenger traffic in the middle of December, 1960.

(c) The construction work was spread over a period of 6½ years and the amount spent to end of September 1960 is approximately Rs. 11.38 crores.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know the distance or length of the line?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Approximately 188 miles.

Railway Freight Rates for Mangoes

*371. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of U.P. have made a proposal to the Railway Board for granting concessional freight rates and for providing refrigeration wagons for transport of large quantities of mangoes from various places in U.P. to various parts for export to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) Railway Board's reaction thereto?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Is it not a fact that the Agriculture Ministry of UP took some mangoes with him to Russia and Russia was very much interested and wanted to import mangoes from India? In that case do we try to expand our foreign markets for this fruit?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I do not know this; it is a piece of information to me. The Minister for Agriculture may be asked.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the fact that we have good market for the export of mangoes, will the Railway Ministry consider the question of giving some concession in railway freight?