

port and Communications of the Third Five Year Plan.

(b) The total estimated cost of Rs. 1,325 crores of the Railway Development Programme in the Third Five Year Plan includes Rs. 147 crores under new lines. The total estimated cost of the Railway Programme is more than the amount proposed to be allotted to the Railways.

(c) The proposal has not been approved for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shri Kodyan:** Reports had appeared in the press that in view of the fact that the South has been neglected in the matter of taking up new railway lines, an additional allocation of Rs. 35 crores is likely to be made. May I know whether that particular allocation has been made for the South?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As the hon. Member knows very well, a number of new railway lines in South India are under consideration of the Planning Commission.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know how much out of this Rs. 147 crores allotted for the construction of new lines is set apart for the Southern Railway?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I shall require separate notice for that.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Guna-Maksi Line

\*387. { **Shri Kunhan:**  
**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made upto the end of July, 1961 regarding the construction of Guna-Maksi Railway link;

(b) the amount spent to the end of July, 1961; and

(c) whether Government propose to accelerate the pace of construction in view of difficulties experienced in

the matter of transport of coal to western India?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Final Location Survey has been completed. Preparation of the Construction Estimate is in hand by the Railway. Construction of the line has not yet commenced.

(b) Nil.

(c) After the estimate is sanctioned the construction of the line will be carried out as expeditiously as possible, dependent on availability of resources.

#### Indigenous Oral Contraceptives

**389. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to intensify the country-wide search for indigenous oral contraceptives;

(b) what drugs with defertilizing effect have been discovered so far; and

(c) what is the measure of such effect produced by each of these drugs?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A drug known as metaxylohydroquinone has been investigated at the All-India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, Calcutta. It has been observed that the drug reduces pregnancy rate by about 50%. Its administration has not so far shown any ill effects on the volunteers on whom the trials have been conducted and no complaints of any untoward experience have been received.

Besides metaxylohydroquinone, a number of indigenous drugs reported to have anti-fertility effect have been investigated. The research on such drugs is being continued and the results are awaited.