

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** I have already said that the Accountant General P&T has been consulted whether this can be implemented at once. He said, "Let us have the proposals first and then I will give my advice."

**Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** It was recommended and the Government also accepted that the payment should be made on the basis of the point system of work. May I know whether the Ministry has by this time calculated the point system of work, according to which their remuneration will be increased.

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** I do not quite follow the question.

**Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** According to the point system of work—it is above 20 points—their payment will be increased. May I know whether this has been calculated by now and when they are going to receive this extra payment according to this calculation?

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** As I said, we have referred it to the Accountant General, Posts and Telegraphs. When his advice comes, the P & T Board will consider it and implement it.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** In reply to a previous question, the hon. Minister stated that the recommendations of the extra departmental employees committee were being amended by the department concerned. I want to know whether those recommendations have been accepted or even that has been referred to the Accountant General?

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** As I said, the recommendations have been accepted by Government. Then the doubt arose as to the accounting part of it. So, it was referred to the Account General, Posts and Telegraphs. The reply has just come and will be considered by the P & T Board.

**Shri Tangamani:** This Rajan Committee report on extra-departmental staff was submitted as early as 1958. On the last occasion, we were told that these recommendations about remuneration have been accepted. May I

know by what time will they get this extra remuneration as recommended by the committee?

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** I hope they will get it very shortly.

#### Salem-Bangalore Rail Link

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\*736. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
          **Shri Nek Ram Negi:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 468 on the 1st March, 1961 and state the latest position regarding construction of Salem-Bangalore Railway Link?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** The construction of a line to connect Bangalore with Salem is under consideration for inclusion in the Railways' Third Five Year Plan Programme.

**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** May I know the total length of the line and whether any survey has been carried on so far?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes, Sir; some surveys were carried out in 1956-57. Preliminary engineering and traffic surveys were carried out. The total length of the broad gauge line would be approximately 133 miles and that of the metre gauge line 144 miles.

**Shri Narasimhan:** In view of the inclusion of this in the third Plan, for consideration as per in para 28, page 548 and the Prime Minister's own answers to interpellations on 28-4-1961, may I know how soon we can expect consequential steps such as the final location survey for this link line?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As soon as it is finally decided to include it in the Plan.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know how much money has been set apart for this for the year 1961-62?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We can only set apart sums when the line is finally sanctioned. It is still under consideration.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** This project is supposed to be included in the third Plan. Unless steps are taken now, it cannot be completed by the end of the third Plan.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** Steps can only be taken when it has been finally approved by the Planning Commission.

#### Chandigarh-Ludhiana Rail Link

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\*737. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri Hem Raj:**  
**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Daljit Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 58 on the 16th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the scheme for direct rail link from Chandigarh Station to Ludhiana; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). The proposal is still under consideration in the Railway Board.

**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** May I know whether there is any possibility to include this railway line also in the third Plan?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** The hon. Member has received a copy of the Third Plan report; it is not in it.

**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** May I know whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Punjab has made a special request for consideration of this line and in view of this may I know whether action will be taken soon?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Every State presses for lines in its area. Even so, the Chief Minister has written.

**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Is it a fact that the Indian Railways have been able to procure an extra loan of about Rs. 25 crores? In view of the fact that this loan has been given for the new lines, would it be taken into con-

sideration and an allocation made for this line?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** All aspects have been considered by the Planning Commission and they have chosen not to include it. Possibly the financial implications also weighed with the Planning Commission, viz., the return may not warrant its inclusion. The return is only 1.89 per cent. for the Chandigarh-Ludhiana line and 1.49 for the Chandigarh-Jagadri line. Possibly that has weighed with the Planning Commission.

#### Polio in Andhra Pradesh

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\*738. { **Shri Kunhan:**  
**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1890 on the 3rd May, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the immunisation programme against Polio has begun in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of children of the age group 2—5 years to whom oral vaccine obtained from the U.S.S.R. has been administered; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to obtain this vaccine from other countries also?

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

(b) Polio Vaccine supplied by the U.S.S.R. was given to 1,01,268 children in the age group 0—6 years.

(c) A gift of 100,000 doses of oral polio vaccine was made to the Government of India by the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories, Spadina Crescent, Toronto, Canada.

There is no proposal at present for obtaining this vaccine from any other country.

**Shri Kunhan:** May I know whether there is any proposal to have another hospital for treating these patients?

**Shri Karmarkar:** For manufacturing vaccines?