

**Shri Alagesan:** In fact, the hon. Member's question is not very clear, but I may inform the House and the hon. Member that if any shipping company comes with a specific proposal in this matter, we are prepared to consider it.

#### RAILWAY SIDINGS

\*1400. **Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far on the construction of sidings at Badampahar and Kuldiha stations on the Eastern Railways;

(b) the reasons for the construction of these sidings at Government expense when some parties were willing to pay for it; and

(c) the number of applicants who were willing to pay for the construction of assisted and private sidings?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Badampahar Rs. 64,000; Kuldiha Rs. 56,000.

(b) Construction of Railway siding open to the public was considered more appropriate than that of assisted and private sidings for a number of parties.

(c) Eleven.

**Shri Deogam:** May I know the maximum amount which the applicants offered to pay for the assisted and private sidings?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not have those figures with me, but we were not interested in the amounts offered because we did not want to accept them.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know whether Government will consider the proposal if private parties come forward to pay the cost of constructing such sidings?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The policy that the Railways are acting on is that we will not allow any private parties

to construct their own private sidings, because there are generally more than two or three parties that are interested in such constructions and it leads to a lot of quarrels etc.

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** I may add that each case will be looked into on its own merits.

#### NEW RAILWAY LINE

\*1401. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to include the construction of a railway line from Deoria on the North Eastern Railway to the Indo-Nepal border via Kasia, Padrauna, Khadda, etc. in the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** The proposal will be considered along with other proposals from State Governments while selecting new lines for construction during the Second Five Year Plan period.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know whether Government have received any representation from the public of that area and any recommendations from the U.P. Government on these lines?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** Yes. We have received letters from the U.P. Government.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the importance of this Railway for useful purposes in connection with defence, besides trade with Nepal?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** That point has also been suggested, but all this will have to be considered later at the appropriate time.

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