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Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: I wanted to know what steps Government had taken and whether they had given any directive to the IAC to see that such things did not arise in the future. The hon. Minister has stated merely that they are making endeavours to see that such confusion does not occur in the future. May I know the endeavours that have been made?

Mr. Speaker: I am not able to follow this kind of question. The hon. Minister has said that he had a talk with them, and they said that they would make every endeavour to see that there was no such confusion in the future. The hon. Member wants that to be sent in writing in the form of a directive? What the hon. Minister has done is as good as that.

Miraj Kurduwadi Latur Link

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72. { **Shri D. A. Katti:**
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Sonavane:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 558 on the 3rd December, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the survey reports in connection with the conversion of Miraj Kurduwadi Latur narrow gauge have since been received;

(b) if so, whether these have been examined; and

(c) the nature of decision arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The Engineering Survey Report was received recently, but the Traffic Survey Report is still awaited from the Railway.

(b) The proposal will be examined after the Traffic Survey Report is also received.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri D. A. Katti: May I know whether the proposal to divert this railway line via Athni has been considered, and if so, what is the present position?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: There are two alternatives. That has also been considered, but the railway does not recommend it.

Shri Heda: Latur is the most important town on this railway, which is on the narrow gauge while Latur Road which is about fourteen miles from it is on the broad gauge. Is there any proposal to connect these two places namely, Latur and Latur Road?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: A survey has been made to connect up Purlı Vajınath via Latur.

Shri Sugandhi: May I know the reasons for the present decision of the railways not to change the alignment so as to touch Athni and other commercial centres?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The reason is that the traffic is not such as would justify the extra cost and the extra lead. That is the reason.

Corruption in Howrah Goods Accounts Office

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*773. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 826 on the 11th December, 1959 and state:

(a) whether final action has since been taken against the employees involved on charges of corruption in Howrah Goods Accounts Office; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Action in remaining 18 cases is still in progress.

(b) Does not arise.