

और लखेरी के बीच (188 किलोमीटर) दोहरी लाइन बिछायी जा रही है। इसमें से अब तक 93 किलोमीटर में दोहरी लाइन बिछायी जा चुकी है और उसे माल यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है।

(ख) से (व). दोहरी लाइन बिछाने के इस काम को पूरा करने की नियत तिथि अब मार्च, 1966 है। देशी निर्माताओं से इस प्रयोजना के लिए अपेक्षित 100 फीट और 150 फीट के गार्डर मिलने में विलम्ब हो रहा है और इस वजह से इसके लिए जो तिथि पहले नियत की गयी थी, उसे आगे बढ़ाना पड़ा।

#### Promotion for Train Clerks

**1589. Shri Bagri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received representations from the Train Clerks all over India about the restricted channels of promotion;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the channels of promotion of the Train Clerks have been further restricted; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). The matter is under consideration.

#### Pay Scales of Train Clerks

**1590. Shri Bagri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a wide disparity in the pay scales of the Train Clerks on the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to remove the disparity?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) No.

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

#### Bombay-Mangalore Rail Link

**1591. Shri Dighe:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways are aware of the demand and necessity of constructing a railway line along the Western coast from Bombay to Mangalore; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the construction of the said line?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):**

(a) and (b). There have been representations for the construction of a railway line from Bombay along the West Coast to Dasgaon and further Southwards. With a view to help in the economic growth of the underdeveloped Konkan region and to relieve congestion around Bombay, due to industrial development, a B.G. Railway line from Diva to Apta via Panvel was sanctioned in 1961. Diva-Panvel section was opened for goods traffic on 31-10-1964 and the line beyond Panvel upto Apta is under construction. The need/feasibility of further extension of this line upto Dasgaon is now being examined. No investigation has been made for further projection of the line upto Mangalore along the West Coast.

#### Import of Detonators

**1592. Shri Rajeshwar Patel:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of electric detonators and ordinary detonators in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that all detonators used in the country are imported and if so, the quantity imported in 1963 and 1964 with their value?

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):**

(a) Current requirement of detonators (all sorts) is 85 million Nos. approximately.