

(c) if so, when the construction thereon is expected to be completed; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) to (d). The following new railway lines falling wholly or partly in Mysore State were approved for construction during the Third Plan and were surveyed.

(i) Mangalore—Hassan.

(ii) Bangalore—Salem.

Construction work on these two new lines is still in progress. The completion of the Mangalore—Hassan line will be synchronised with the completion of the Mangalore Port Project. The Bangalore—Salem link is expected to be completed by March, 1968.

Kadur—Sakaleshapura Railway Line

5748. Shri K. Lakkappa:

Shri M. H. Gowda:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of Kadur-Sakaleshapura railway link on the Southern Railway has been completed;

(b) if so, the cost of the survey involved; and

(c) when the project is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Preliminary Engineering and Traffic surveys for this line were carried out during 1955—57 at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,75,327 and Rs. 47,592 respectively.

(c) The proposal was considered not financially justified and was dropped.

Shuttle Trains between Bhusaval-Chalisgaon and Bhusaval-Khandwa Station

5749. Shri Rane: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that train services which were available during pre-war (Second World War) period between (i) Bhusaval-Chalisgaon (ii) Bhusaval-Khandwa and (iii) Bhusaval-Bombay V.T. are not available at present;

(b) the number of trains between the above said stations that were serving small station passengers in pre-war days and the number of such trains at present;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce shuttle trains between Bhusaval-Chalisgaon and Bhusaval-Khandwa sections to serve passengers at small stations; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to introduce a train between Bhusaval and Bombay V.T. daily?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No.

(b) Compared to pre-war period there has been no reduction in train services on Bhusaval-Chalisgaon, Bhusaval-Khandwa and Bhusaval-Bombay V.T. Sections as is indicated below:—

Section	No. of trains serving small stations	
	Pre-war	At present
Bhusaval-Chalisgaon	2	2
Bhusaval-Khandwa	3	3
Bhusaval-Bombay	2	2

(c) and (d). Not at present.

Mail/Express/Janta Train between New Delhi and Bombay V.T.

5750. Shri Rane: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that notwithstanding the continuous demand by the public, no additional Mail/Express/Janata train has been introduced between New Delhi and Bombay V.T. via Jhansi-Bhusaval on the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Introduction of an additional train between New Delhi and Bombay V.T. via Jhansi-Bhusaval is not, at present, operationally feasible for want of requisite line capacity on sections en-route and lack of terminal facilities at Bombay V.T. and New Delhi.