

Request for starting a New Railway Train from New Delhi to Pathankot

3073. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR:
SHRI R V BADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation has been received by the Railway authorities for starting a new Railway train from New Delhi to Pathankot to remove the inconvenience of the people of northern Punjab and Himachal Pradesh after the extension of existing trains from Pathankot to Jammu; and

(b) if so, Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes

(b) Introduction of additional train between New Delhi and Pathankot is at present operationally not feasible due to lack of adequate line capacity on sections enroute and for want of necessary terminal facilities at Delhi/ New Delhi.

Survey for Jagadhari-Paonta Rail Link

3074. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway authorities have undertaken a survey of the proposed Jagadhari-Paonta Rail link and whether the survey has been completed; and

(b) if so, the findings of this survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Reconnaissance Engineering-cum Traffic Survey for a B.G. rail link between Jagadhari and Paonta at the cost of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh is at present in progress and

is expected to be completed by the end of November, 1973.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Railway Line upto Ambikapur

3075 SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to stop extension of the Railway lines upto Ambikapur, which was originally sanctioned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received for such extension, particularly upto Bomki and Surakhar collieries which are only three miles away from Geura Road; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). The construction of a rail link between Barwadiah and Chirimiri line via Abikapur was undertaken in 1947 but the work has stopped subsequently due to difficult ways and means position and also because it transpired that the anticipated traffic would not materialise on the section. The construction of this line will be considered only when definite schemes about the development of the coal fields in the area become available.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Rail Movement between Southern Region and the Rest of Country

3076 SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN:
SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether excepting the circuitous Bombay-Madras route, the Rail mo-