

to (c). The Planning Commission who had recently been approached with a number of proposals for laying new rail links including Apta-Dasgaon have not agreed for taking up the proposed rail link at present. The proposal will be examined further after the results of the Traffic Survey and financial appraisal which is proposed to be carried out during the current financial year are known.

Funds for Bombay Metropolitan Railway Transport Project

2118. SHRI RAJA KULKARNI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to clear the Bombay Metropolitan Railway Transport Project, for completion during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) how much funds have been sanctioned for construction of important parts of the truncated sixth corridor of this Metropolitan Project during 1976-77 and what progress has been made thereafter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Not yet.

(b) The Planning Commission are still examining these proposals.

Revision of Examination Scheme for Combined Engineering Services and Electronics Engineering Services

2119. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission has revised the examination scheme for the combined engineering services and the electronics engineering services; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the time by which it is likely to come into force?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, in respect of all groups of Engineering Services.

(b) The revision pertains to the written test in Engineering subjects. From the 1977 examination onwards, candidates will be examined in 5 "core subjects" instead of in any 7 out of 10 to 12 specialised subjects as at present.

Railway Line from Fort Market to Ravalj Camp

2120. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a rail line from Fort Market to Ravalj Camp has been submitted by the Railway Board to the Planning Commission for its approval;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the reaction of the Commission thereto; and

(c) if the proposal is not cleared, how soon a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The first phase of Corridor 6 was proposed as a new pair of lines about 1½ Kms. long from Raoli Jn. on the Harbour Branch of the Central Railway to a new terminal at Fort Market, together with a railway flyover at Bandra to connect the Harbour Branch of the Central Railway to the slow lines of the Western Railway. This work was estimated to cost Rs. 67.21 crores at the April '74 price level.