necting train at Pathankot for Kangra Valley?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (d). At present 59 Up (a) to Srinagar Express is scheduled leave New Delhi at 16.05 hours arriving Pathankot at 03.20 hours. At Pathankot this train provides connection with 1PB Pathankot-Baijnath Paprola Passenger which is scheduled to leave Pathankot at 7.00 hours. It is not possible to change the departure time of 59 Up from New Delhi to 18.00 hours due to non-availability of platform at New Delhi and path enroute at that time. Moreover 59 Up Express has been scheduled to leave New Delhi at 16.05 hours so as to make this train arrive Jammu Tawi prly in the morning at 6.05 hours to enable the tourists to reach Kashmir same day.

For Kangra Valley passengers, 33 Up Jammu Mail provides convenient connections at Pathankot as indicated below:—

33 Up Jammu Mail Pathankot Arr. 06:45

Conversion of Pathankot-Joginder Nagar Narrow Gauge Line to Metre/ Broad Gauge Line

245. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to convert narrow gauge line from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar into Metre gauge/Broad gauge;
- (b) whether any survey has been made in this regard and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) what is the average number of passengers travelling on this line daily?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) and (b), No.

(c) According to the last census of passenger traffic held in April, 1977 the average percentage of occupation of 2 pair of trains running on the section was as under:—

Class				Patha	nkot	Jawanwala- shahr		Kangra		Bailrath Pippla		Joginder Nagar	
		•		I	11	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
ı PBJ				42	77	60	140	6	141		29		48
a. PBJ		•	•	47	80	73	148	49	70	9	43	••	22
ı PB	•			44	90	56	143	56	143		6		••
2 PB				45	75	28	71	45	75		12	••	

Review of working of narrow gauge lines

246. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to

review the working of the narrow gauge lines in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) and (b). No. However an