

necting train at Pathankot for Kangra Valley?

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Pathankot Dep: 7.00 9.15

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d). At present 59 Up Srinagar Express is scheduled to leave New Delhi at 16.05 hours arriving Pathankot at 03.20 hours. At Pathankot this train provides connection with 1PB Pathankot-Bairath 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 early in the morning at 3.05 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

Class	Pathankot		Jawanwala-shahr		Kangra		Bairath Pippla		Joginder Nagar	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
1 PBJ	42	77	60	140	6	141	..	29	..	48
2 PBJ	47	80	73	148	49	70	9	43	..	22
1 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

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:—

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

annual review regarding the working of all Branch Lines including narrow gauge sections on the Indian Government Railways is carried out so as to determine the extent of gain/loss incurred in running such lines.

मध्य प्रदेश, राजस्थान, महाराष्ट्र तथा गुजरात के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में रेल लाइनों

247. श्री भागीरथ शंकर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश, राजस्थान, महाराष्ट्र तथा गुजरात के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में नई रेल लाइनों चिह्नाने के लिए कितने तथा कहाँ कहाँ में प्रस्ताव आये हैं ;

(ख) इनमें से प्रत्येक प्रस्ताव पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) कितनी रेल लाइनों का सर्वेक्षण कार्य पूरा हो चुका है और इन लाइनों के बारे में आगामी कार्यवाही न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री० मधु दंडवते) : (क) और (ख) रेल मन्त्रालय द्वारा पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में द्रुत वृद्धि संख्या में नयी रेलवे लाइनों का निर्माण करने के लिए, समय समय पर विभिन्न स्थानों से प्रस्ताव आते रहे हैं । विगत एक माह की अवधि में संसद सदस्यों, राज्य सरकारों तथा अन्य मार्बजनिक निकायों से 26 प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए थे ।

(ग) नयी रेलवे लाइनों के लिए पूरे किये गये सर्वेक्षण की संख्या :—

महाराष्ट्र	5
मध्य प्रदेश	6
राजस्थान	1
गुजरात	3

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पूरे किये गये 15 सर्वेक्षणों में से जिन पांच परियोजनाओं की जांच की गयी है, उनके बारे में पता चला है कि वहाँ पर्याप्त यातायात होने की सम्भावना नहीं है ; जहाँ तक शेष 10 परियोजनाओं का सम्बन्ध है, सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्टों की जांच की जा रही है ।

Rail connection between Jhalawar City and Jhalawar Road

248. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant demand since the days of merger of princely States for linking Jhalawar city and Jhalawar Road with a railway line in Jhalwar district in Rajasthan; and

(b) whether it is proposed to accord priority to Jhalawar Road in the context of Government policy of laying new railway lines in economically backward areas and if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) Yes.

(b) No survey has been carried out for the proposed line in the past. There is paucity of funds at present. The proposal may have to wait till the resource position improves.

Research in Drug Industry

249. SHRDI R. KOLANTHAIVELU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote and intensify research in the drug industry;