

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The location of the Headquarters of Zonal Railway is decided on operational and administrative considerations and not on the basis of territorial jurisdiction of States. Moreover, the shifting of a well established office will also cause severe dislocation to the family set up of a large number of staff. Based on these considerations, it is not considered feasible to shift the Eastern Railway Headquarters from Calcutta.

[English]

### **Railway lines in Rajasthan**

4153. SHRI HEMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up construction of new railway lines in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Following new railway lines are under construction in Rajasthan.

1. Kota-Chittaurgarh-Neemuch, 222 km, out of which 206 km is in Rajasthan, has been approved at a cost of Rs. 160 crores. Kota-Chittaurgarh, 166 km, has since been opened to traffic and balance is expected to be opened during this year.
2. Mathura Alwar, 120 km, out of which 90 km is in Rajasthan, has been approved at a cost of Rs. 69.43 crores.

### **Bridge at Thiruppur (S.R.)**

4154. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for construction of an overbridge at Thiruppur on Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The State Government (Tamil Nadu Urban Development Project) has recently forwarded to the Railway proposal for construction of road-overbridge near Thiruppur yard.

(b) The work will be taken up for execution after the plans and estimate are finalised and the estimated cost is deposited by the State Government.

[Translation]

### **Doubling of Kiul-Bhagalpur line**

4155. SHRI DHANRAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work for doubling the railway line between Kiul-Monghyr to Bhagalpur in Bihar had been started but was suspended later on;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

(c) whether this work is likely to be resumed shortly; and

(d) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d). The work of patch doubling between Kiul and Bhagalpur had been approved in 1981-82 and taken up soon after. There had been no suspension of this work, and as such, there is no question of its resumption. There is, however, no proposal to double Jamalpur-Monghyr branch line.