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**Extention of Railway Line from Dharmaganagar to Agartala**

123. SHRI BAJUBAN RIYAN ;  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA ;  
SHRI AJOY BISWAS ;  
DR. SARADISH ROY ;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the long standing demand for extention of railway line from Dharmaganagar to Agartala for which the people of Tripura as also of the other North Eastern States are facing difficulties since long ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any progress has been made so far ;

(d) if so the details thereof ; and

(e) by what time Government propose to complet this project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) . Construction of a metre Gauge railway line from Dharmaganagar to Kumarghat (33 kms) is well in progress, and is expected to be completed by December '87, subject to availability of resources.

For further extension of the line upto Agartala (119 Kms.), updating of the Traffic-cum-Engineering Survey is in progress. A final decision regarding extension of the line from Kumarghat to Agartala will be taken after receipt of the Survey Report and its examination in detail, in consultation with the Planning Commission, subject to availability of funds.

**Setting up of Coach Factory in West Bengal**

114. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the West Bengal Government regarding setting up of a coach factory in West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) had been assigned the task of preparation of a detailed Project Report and the location survey for setting up of the New Coach Factory in the Railway Sector Recommendations for the location as received from the RITES in their Report are under study and a decision is expected to be taken on the most advantageous location for the unit based on Techno-Economic considerations.

**Kerala's Power and Irrigation Projects Awaiting Clearance**

125. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of power and irrigation projects in Kerala; awaiting clearance of Union Government ;

(d) Since when these projects are awaiting clearance and how long it will take for the Government to accord their approval ;

(c) the break-up of the cost of each project as originally envisaged and the cost over-run due to the delay ; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANANI) : (a) to (d). Details of the major and medium hydro-electric and irrigation projects of Kerala awaiting clearance along with reasons and steps being taken are given in the Statements I&II enclosed. Final cost of these projects could only be determined after a detail techno economic appraisal by Central Electric Authority and Central Water Commission, and after the technical features are finalised.