

**Bankura-Raniganj Railway Connection**

2192. SHRI ROBIN SEN:

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR:

SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the cost of the West Bengal Government a survey was conducted for the line from Bankura to Raniganj;

(b) if so, the time when this survey was conducted and the amount spent;

(c) whether any action taken up to date, date-wise and regarding the recommendation of the said survey;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the detailed communication with the State Government regarding this line made up to date, date-wise; and

(f) the details of the delay of taking action in this line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (f). A Techno Economic Rail Survey Team appointed at the instance and cost of the Government of West Bengal has carried out a detailed survey for the rail link from Bankura to Raniganj via Mejhia. An amount of Rs. 6.95 lakhs was spent on the survey which was completed in September, 1977. The survey report was sent to the Government of West Bengal in December, 1977. A proposal was received from the Government of West Bengal in September, 1978 for inclusion of this project in the Sixth Plan. The proposed line will be 43 Km. in length and is estimated to cost of Rs. 7.36 crores for the first phase of the rail link from Bankura to Mejhia yielding a return of 9.92 per cent and Rs. 4.91 crores for the second

phase of the rail link from Mejhia to Raniganj yielding a return of 6.02 per cent. The total cost of project would be Rs. 12.27 crores. It is not proposed to consider construction of the line at present in the absence of any plans regarding development of the Mejhia coal reserves and definite linkage thereof.

**Permanent Posts of Estimators**

2193. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of permanent posts of Estimators in Civil Engineering Department in South Eastern Railway, pay-scale-wise;

(b) the total number of Estimators physically working in Civil Engineering Department, pay-scale-wise;

(c) total number of Estimators issued confirmation orders, pay-scale-wise;

(d) total number of Estimators not yet confirmed, pay-scale-wise; and

(e) the reasons for non-issue of confirmation orders to such Estimators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):

(a) Rs. 700-900 (RS)—5  
Rs. 500-750 (RS)—21  
Rs. 425-700 (RS)—59  
Rs. 330-500 (RS)—84

(b) Rs. 700-900 (RS)—13  
Rs. 550-750 (RS)—44  
Rs. 425-700 (RS)—79  
Rs. 330-500 (RS)—85

(c) Rs. 700-900 (RS)—5  
Rs. 550-750 (RS)—16  
Rs. 425-700 (RS)—45  
Rs. 330-500 (RS)—73

In addition, provisional confirmation orders have been issued against the followings:

Rs. 550-750 (RS)—5  
Rs. 425-700 (RS)—35