

पंजाब में नई रेलवे लाइन का प्रस्ताव

१७२. डा० सत्यवादी : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पंजाब सरकार या किसी अन्य चरित्र से चम्बीगढ़ को सीधा बयावरी तथा सुधियाना से रेल द्वारा मिलाने का सुझाव प्राप्त हुआ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir. A suggestion for the construction of a direct rail link between Chandigarh and Jagadhri has also been received recently from a party other than the Punjab Government.

(b) The project will be examined like all proposals from State Governments.

TELESCOPIC RAILWAY FARES

973. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigations by the Railway Board on the possibility of introducing telescopic scales for passenger fares, have been completed; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The matter is still under examination.

FRUIT CANNING INDUSTRY

975. **Shrimati Da Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the fruit canning industry has developed in India during 1950-54;

(b) the total number of fruit canning factories in the country; and

(c) whether there are any fruit canning factories in Bengal?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The quality of indigenous products has of late improved. There is no extensive internal market for canned fruits. The bulk of the internal consumption is by the Indian army. The external market is being developed but on account of keen competition the progress has not been substantial.

(b) Sixty-five.

(c) Yes, there are fourteen fruit canning factories in Bengal.