

### भागलपुर-भाण्डार-हिल लूप (बाप) लाइन

2045. श्री सतीशकुमार: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि भागलपुर और भाण्डार हिल के बीच एक लूप लाइन है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का भाण्डार हिल में देवघर तक एक लूप लाइन के निर्माण करने का विचार है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग). जी हाँ। मंदार-हिल से दैधनाथ धाम (देवघड़) तक 55 किलोमीटर लम्बी बड़ी लाइन के निर्माण के लिए प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी एवं यातायात सर्वेक्षण का काम पूरा हो गया है और सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट और अनुमान का संकलन किया जा रहा है। सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने और वित्तीय क्षमता और धन की उपलब्धता आदि सभी पहलुओं में उसकी जांच हो जाने के बाद ही इस सम्बन्ध में निर्णय किया जायेगा।

### Domohani-Changrabandha Line

2046. SHRI SUBODH SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation for the restoration of Domohani-Changrabandha (North Frontier Railway) section of Railway, abandoned since 1968 flood; and

(b) if so, the decision, if any, taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) A fresh traffic survey carried out during 1978 for the restoration of Domohani-Changrabandha line revealed that the project would not be financially viable (return being (—)28.96

per cent in the 6th year of opening of the line). Due to limited financial resources which are not adequate even to progress the schemes already in hand and to complete them in a reasonable time, it is not possible to take up restoration of this unremunerative line at present. However, the Planning Commission had appointed a National Transport Policy Committee in April, 1978 to evolve rational criteria for construction of new lines including unremunerative lines and the mode of financing them. The report of this Committee has just been received by the Planning Commission and the restoration of this line will be given due consideration in the light of the accepted recommendations of this Committee.

### Trains Suspended in Western Railway due to shortage of Coal

2047 SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of trains on the Baroda Division of the Western Railway have been suspended due to shortage of coal;

(b) if so, how many trains stand suspended and from which dates;

(c) when these trains are likely to be re-started; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation in order to mitigate hardship of Railway passengers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Six pairs of trains were suspended due to coal shortage on Baroda Division of Western Railway from 4-6-1980. All these trains were restored by 11-6-1980.

(d) Close liaison is being maintained with the coal producing authorities and the Deptt. of Coal for stepping up the availability of steam coal to the Railways.