

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### Financial Norms of Railways

6175. SHRI BHEEKHA BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. H. K. Paranjape has submitted his report in regard to the financial norms of Railways;

(b) whether Government have examined the recommendations;

(c) if so, how many recommendations have been accepted by Government; and

(d) whether a copy thereof will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Rail Tariff Enquiry Committee headed by Dr. H. K. Paranjape was set up to examine the structure of Railway freight fares and other charges. It examined certain aspects of Railway financial arrangements, relevant to the fixation of freight and fares tariffs.

(b) and (c). The recommendations are under examination.

(d) Some copies have been placed in the Library of Lok Sabha. However, copies of the Reports will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

### Banswara—Ratlam Line

6176. SHRI BHEEKHA BHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever considered the desirability of joining

Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh by Banswara—Ratlam Railway Line;

(b) whether it is a fact that previous surveys did not prove economical;

(c) whether Government propose to order re-surveys in view of huge infrastructural development in that region;

(d) whether it is a fact that entire area is tribal belt; and

(e) whether it is a fact that most of tribal people have not seen railway line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Preliminary engineering-cum-traffic survey for a B.G. line between Ratlam and Banswara with possibility of its extension upto Dungarpur was carried out in 1977 and different alternative alignments via Sheogarh and Sailana were investigated. It was revealed that the total cost of construction is very high due to hilly terrain and hence the project was not found financially viable.

(c) No proposal is under consideration.

(d) and (e). The proposed line will traverse through areas inhabited by Adivasis.

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