

on the Railways expect in a few isolated places.

(b) and (c). No.

(d) Does not arise.

Length of Railway Line in Madhya Pradesh

2257. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio between the existing length of rail lines and the total area in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(b) the steps Government propose to take for setting up additional rail lines to bridge the gap in the ratio; and

(c) the reasons for such difference between various States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Requisite details are given below.

State	Route Kms. per 1000 sq. km. of area
Madhya Pradesh	12.96
Uttar Pradesh	29.93
Punjab	42.47
Haryana	32.79
Bihar	30.55
West Bengal	42.37
Maharashtra	17.01

(b) and (c). Railway development cannot be envisaged on Statewise or regionwise concept. The needs of the country are assessed and then decisions are taken for the overall railway development within the limited resources made available by the Planning Commission. Planning of new Railway lines is closely linked with the transport requirements of the concerned area. Adequacy of anticipated traffic

rather than the existing railway kilometrage is the guiding criteria in deciding on new line projects.

Proposed Brahmaputra Bridge at Gogighopa in Assam

2258. SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the details of the bridge proposed to be constructed on Brahmaputra at Gogighopa in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Following the decision of the Government of India to construct a bridge across the river Brahmaputra at Gogighopa in Assam, an estimate amounting to Rs. 51,640 lakhs was sanctioned in November 1980 for Techno-Economic feasibility study and detailed investigation and preparation of detail Project report for the construction of the bridge in question. The Project report has not yet been received from the "RITES" to whom this work was entrusted. It is expected by 31st March, 1982. The details of the bridge would become available only after receipt of the Project report and decision thereon after examination.

Rural health schemes sponsored by Unesco in Orissa

2259. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some rural health schemes sponsored by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation are going to be launched in the country for giving direct benefit to the villagers and slum dwellers;

(b) if so, whether such scheme is going to be extended also to the rural areas of Orissa; and

(c) the details regarding the implementation of these schemes?