Dhanbad-Sindri Railway Line

10184. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to SQ No. 924 on 23rd April- 1981 regarding goods trains running on Dhanbad-Sindri line and state:

- (a) whether the present line Dhanbad-Pradhanbhuti-Sindri is fit for goods train only and the running of the passenger trains would involve capital and recurring expenditure;
- (b) what exactly are the limitations which made that line unfit for passenger trains though being fit for much heavier goods trains and the amount of capital and recurring expenditure that it would involve;
- (c) what are the basis for anticipating that the line would be non-remunerative when all the organisations of the district have demanded for passenger trains;
- (d) whether Government propose to have a trial run of a few bogies with passengers even for a month on that line; and
 - (e) if not, why not?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

- (b) The line was constructed primarily for goods traffic and therefore the required facilities for handling passenger traffic have not been developed.
- (c) Since very convenient road services are available and the passenger traffic likely to offer will be only for short distances, introduction of passenger services involving additional investment has not been found justified.
- (d) and (e). It is not feasible to have a trial run of passenger service even for a month.

Inauguration of Darbhan ga-Samastipur Line

10185. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether conversion of Darbhanga-Samastipur metre gauge line into broad gauge was inaugurated on the 19th April, 1981 by him;
 - (b) if so, details thereabout;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred in connection with the inaugural ceremony; and
- (d) the total amount earmarked for being spent on this project during 1981-82?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

- (b) The salient features of this gauge conversion project were made known to public during the inaugura ceremony.
- (c) An expenditure amounting to Rs. 5,000/- was sanctioned for the inaugural ceremony.
- (d) An outlay of Rs. 20 lakhs has been provided in the Budget for 1981-82 for this work.

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10186. श्रीमूल चन्व डागा: क्या स्वास्थ्य ग्रीर परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली के विभिन्न ग्रस्पतालों में भ्रप्रयुक्त पड़ी हुई मशीनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;