

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to fulfil the demands of the people of West Bengal; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A large number of representations and Memoranda have been received.

(b) and (c) These proposals have been examined in details, but the electrification and doubling of the Bandel-Katwa section has not been found justified at present as the traffic density on this section does not justify these heavy investments.

Double Line for Patna-Gaya Route

2669. **SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce double line on the Patna-Gaya route and also electrify the line, as this route connects South Bihar with the capital of the State (Patna); and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) : No, doubling and electrification are generally not justified by increase in passenger traffic only. Goods traffic development on this route will be but small to justify doubling or electrification.

Publishers ascribing books to Central Board of Secondary Education

2670. **SHRI RASHEED MASOOD :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some publishers in the Capital have been misleading the authorities of schools falling under the Central Board of Secondary Education by printing their own list of books and ascribing these to the Board; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) (a) and (b) : Recently one such case came to the notice of the Central Board of Secondary Education wherein an unidentified agency had circulated a list of books. The list included the names of books prescribed by the Board and published by N. C.E.R.T. and also some books not approved by the Board. Immediately, the schools were cautioned by the Board through a general circular against the issue of a fake list of books by some unscrupulous elements. The schools were advised to use only such books as had been prescribed/recommended by the Board. The Publishers registered with the Board were also duly cautioned to steer clear of such manoeuvrings. The matter was also discussed with the representatives of the Educational Publishers Association.

Railway Bridge at Chhitannighat

2671. **SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated cost of the Railway Bridge at Chhitannighat at Bagaha connecting U. P. and Bihar ;