

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The proposed Railway line between Chandigarh and Ludhiana and between Bhiwani and Rohtak have not been included in the programme of new lines approved for construction in the Second Plan period. These have, however, been noted for consideration along with other proposals for the Third Five Year Plan.\*

In regard to the restoration of Gohana-Panipat portion, development of traffic is being watched on the restored portion between Rohtak and Gohana and a decision on the remaining portion (Gohana-Panipat) is yet to be taken

#### Mangalore Port

1990. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta.  
Shri Shankaralya:  
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1190 on the 12th March, 1959 and state

(a) whether the Dutch Port Expert, Mr Posthuma, has since submitted his report regarding development of Mangalore Port,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) Shri Posthuma has submitted his report. He has recommended that the lagoon port has advantages over an entirely artificial port for the following reasons:

- (i) the lagoon itself can be used for the harbour,
- (ii) the lagoon port is nearer to the town of Mangalore and tile factories. It will be possible to carry the tiles to the ships by means of river craft,

(iii) the existing port facilities will continue to be useful when a lagoon port is built.

He has also recommended to construct two experimental groynes and to observe the movement of silt that would reach the lagoon harbour from the Netravati river and the littoral drift with help of radio-active isotopes. The recommendations contained in Shri Posthuma's Report would be considered by the Intermediate Port Development Committee recently set up by the Government of India

#### Silt in Bombay Harbour

1991. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1749 on the 9th April, 1959 and state the nature of progress made so far in conducting the radioactive tracer experiments to ascertain movement of silt at Bombay Harbour?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The tracing of the radio-active material injected on the 14th and 19th March 1959 was continued till the 2nd May 1959 after which it had to be stopped due to the worsening of the weather conditions. The observations made during the study, after being duly plotted, have been forwarded to the Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona, whose report on the conclusions reached is awaited

#### Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi

1992. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether the scheme for the expansion of Willingdon Hospital at New Delhi has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?