

विधान होते हुये भांभरपुर से हसनपुर तक  
रेलवे लाइन

1609. श्री राम भगत पास्वान : क्या  
रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सामान्य जनता सरकार से यह  
अनुरोध कर रही है कि बिहार के दरभंगा जिले  
में विधान होते हुए भांभरपुर से हसनपुर तक  
नई रेलवे लाइन बनाई जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार  
उक्त रेलवे लाइन बनाने का है ; और यदि  
हां, तो किस समय तक ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री हनुमंतैया) : (क) जी  
नहीं। परन्तु खतौना के रास्ते भांभरपुर से  
लोक बाजार तक नयी रेलवे लाइन बनाने के  
लिये अभ्यावेदन अवश्य प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) प्रस्तावित रेल सम्पर्क के लिए शीघ्र  
ही इंजीनियरी व्यावहारिकता अध्ययन  
और यातायात मूल्यांकन करने का विचार  
है। प्रस्तावित अध्ययन और मूल्यांकन  
के पूरे हो जाने तथा उनकी रिपोर्टों पर  
सभी दृष्टिकोणों से जांच करने के बाद ही  
इस प्रस्ताव पर आगे विचार किया जायेगा।

**Execution of Kameng Project in the  
North-East Frontier Agency**

1610. SHRI VISWANARAYAN SHAS-  
TRI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION  
AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kameng Project in the  
North-East Frontier Agency is expected to  
be executed during 1971-72 ; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND  
POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and  
(b). No, Sir. Stage I of the project is at  
present under detailed investigations. After  
the investigations are completed, a project  
report will be prepared and decision regard-  
ing the implementation of the project will  
be taken thereafter.

**Upgradation of Ministerial Staff  
working in Indian Railways**

1611. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under  
Government's consideration for upgradation  
of ministerial staff working in Indian Rail-  
ways since last many years ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No.  
There is a Cabinet decision that there should  
be a total ban on any upgradation till such  
time as the final recommendations of the  
Third Pay Commission are received and con-  
sidered by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Fall in Goods Train on Eastern Railway**

1612. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a consider-  
able fall in the goods traffic in Eastern  
Railway ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes,  
the loading of revenue earning goods traffic  
on Eastern Railway during 1970-71 has been  
approximately 5.649 million tonnes less than  
the previous year.

(b) The drop in loading on the Eastern  
Railway has mainly been due to serious  
dislocation of train services on account of  
poor law and order condition and such  
miscreant activities, as large scale thefts of  
wagon fittings, overhead traction wires, tele-  
communication cables, track materials as  
also victimisation of passenger and Railway  
staff on trains and goods trains, looting of  
wagons and Railway property, bundhs,  
hartals and stoppage of trains by the  
public.

**Overpayment to a Contracting Organisation  
doing work under Engineer-in-Chief, Electri-  
fication, Northern Railway, Allahabad**

1613. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased  
to state :

(a) whether a large amount of over-