

(b) This Ministry have no knowledge of any complaints from the overseas markets about water tainting of North East Indian Tea. Fit and water tight covered wagons are supplied for loading tea.

Acquiring of Land for Proposed Broad Gauge Line From Maldah to Bahurghat

4833. SHRI R. N. BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land required for the proposed construction of new broad-gauge line from old Maldah to Bahurghat *via* Gazol has since been acquired; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI):

(a) and (b). A traffic Survey for a B G line from old Maldah to Bahurghat *via* Gazol is in progress. The survey is expected to be completed before the onset of the monsoon. Further consideration to this proposal will be given after the survey is completed.

Increase in the strength of Sanitary Staff at New Delhi Station

4834. SHRI MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of passenger trains and volume of passenger traffic during the last three years, yearwise at New Delhi Station,

(b) the increase in the strength of the sanitary staff during the period for the maintenance of sanitation at the station, and

(c) if there has been no increase, the steps proposed to be taken by the administration in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS: (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). No increase in the strength of sanitary staff has been considered necessary.

Statement

The total number of trains handled at New Delhi station both ways during the years 1971, 1972 and 1973 as indicated below:

Year	No. of trains
1971 (as on 1-4-1971)	73
1972 (as on 1-5-1972)	77
1973 (as on 20-3-1973)	79

The volume of passenger traffic during the last 3 years, year-wise at New Delhi station:

	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73 up to Feb.
Outward passenger traffic.	5065580	5361767	5134231
Inward passenger traffic.	2230645	2278193	2114971

हसनपुर से सकरी तक नई लाइन

4835. श्री महादीपक सिंह शाक्य : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हसनपुर से सकरी तक एक नई मीटर-गेज लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण के प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति 11 अगस्त, 1972 को दे दी गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक आगे की गई कार्यवाही का व्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी) : (क) और (ख). हसनपुर से सकरी तक एक नयी मीटर लाइन के लिए यातायात सर्वेक्षण की स्वीकृति 10-8-1972 को दी गई थी। सर्वेक्षण का काम जारी है।