

Nagrota, Palampur Baijnath, Paprola and Joginder Nagar have already been opened from 1st April, 1973.

(c) No.

**Extension of Bhakhtiyarpur-Rajgir Line**

1237. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on un-economic Branch Line set up by Government recommended the extension of the Bhakhtiyarpur-Rajgir (B.G.—253 Kms.) Railway line upto a suitable point like Nawadah on the Gaya-Kiul line, so as to provide an alternative route to the congested Patna-Gaya line to cut down the circuitous movement via Patna and also because this extension would render the present Bhakhtiyarpur-Rajgir into and economic Railway line; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this suggestion?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). Yes, the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee set up by Government recommended extension of Bhakhtiyarpur-Rajgir line upto Nawada (which is a railway station on the Gaya-Kiul section of Eastern Railway). Out of similar recommendations made by the Committee for a number of other lines, surveys for extension have been taken up for twelve lines. After the survey reports for these 12 lines are examined and the results thereof become known, surveys for the remaining recommendations of the Committee, including extension of the Bhakhtiyarpur-Rajgir line to Nawada, will be considered.

**Introduction of Human Engineering as subject for Productioners and Serving Officers in Railways**

1238. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Team on Railways set up by the Administrative Reforms Commission recommended the introduction of Human Engineering as a special subject for instruction during the course of training for Probationers and serving Officers as also to stream-line the training facilities in general by the introduction of promotion tests and Refresher Courses on the pattern of the arrangements in the Defence Department;

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted and implemented;

(c) if so, the date or dates on which Government decisions were taken and implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not accepting these proposals and whether any alternative arrangements have been made to stream-line the training courses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) The Study Team have made observations in this regard in the body of their Report.

(b) to (d). The Government came to the conclusion that the existing arrangements for training of officers and staff on Railways are generally adequate. The Railway Accident Inquiry Committee 1968 had also expressed a similar view.

It is, however, the Government's policy to periodically review the training arrangements so as to rationalise the training facilities and keep pace with advancements in technology and modernisation of methods.