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Final Survey for Mangalore-Bombay Railway Line

45. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the final survey of Mangalore-Bombay railway line stands; and

(b) whether the laying of this line on the Western Coast of the country has assumed greater importance in view of the naval exercise of the foreign countries in the Arabian Sea?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Surveys have already been completed for the construction of the proposed rail link from Apta to Dasgaon and are in progress from Dasgaon to Mangalore. It is also proposed to carry out Engineering-cum-traffic and financial appraisal of Apta-Dasgaon rail link during the current financial year. The proposal for the rail link from Apta to Mangalore has already been included in the list of New rail links sent to the Planning Commission, for being taken up during the Fifth Five Year Plan for the development of backward areas, subject to additional funds being made available by them.

(b) No.

Drug pricing scheme in respect of formulations

46. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug pricing scheme suggested by the Hathi Committee was found unworkable regarding formulations; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Hathi Committee on the Pricing of drugs and pharmaceuticals are under advanced stage of the consideration of the Government and a final decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Proposal to extend suburban train facilities from Burdwan to Chittaranjan

47. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to extend the suburban train facilities from Burdwan to Chittaranjan connecting Asansol-Raniganj in Eastern Railway?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): No.

Karnataka Government proposal for New Rail construction works

48. SHRI B. V. NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has recently submitted a list of a dozen new rail construction works to the Railway Ministry for being taken up;

(b) if so, what are those projects and what is the total capital outlay involved for all the projects; and