

Plan, including that of Cement Corporation of India Limited is still under consideration.

**Tirunelveli-Kanyakumari-Trivendrum Railway Line**

523. **Shri Muthiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the engineering and traffic surveys for the new railway line from Tirunelveli to Kanyakumari and then to Trivandrum have been completed;

(b) whether the survey reports and estimates have been prepared;

(c) when Government will take a final decision in the matter; and

(d) whether the scheme will be implemented in the Fourth Plan?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):**  
(a) Yes.

(b) The report and estimate are being finalised by the Southern Railway.

(c) and (d). A final decision can only be taken after the survey reports are received and examined by the Railway Board from all aspects. Proposals for new lines in the Fourth Plan are yet to be finalised in conjunction with the Planning Commission, and as such it is premature to say at this stage, whether this scheme will be implemented in the Fourth Plan.

**Railway Services in Border Areas**

524. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the Railway Board recently paid a visit to the border areas, particularly those strategic areas which have been affected by the Pakistani hostilities;

(b) whether any scheme for augmenting the railway services in these areas has been chalked out; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

12.05 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

(i) **RETRENCHMENT IN HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION, RANCHI**

**Shri P. K. Ghosh (Ranchi East):** I call the attention of the Minister of Industry and Supply to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

"Notices of retrenchment given to the civil engineers of the Construction Wing of the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, with effect from the 1st November, 1965."

**The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):** The construction work in the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, has started tapering off and as a result, some of the staff on the civil Engineering side have become surplus. The total surplus as on the 1st June, 1965 was estimated as 147 persons of various categories. Complete details of the personnel who are likely to be rendered surplus in the Corporation, from time to time, have been forwarded to various public sector projects including the Bokaro steel project. Efforts are thus being made to find suitable alternative employment for as many of the surplus staff as possible. In the meantime, the Corporation have given 3 months notice of retrenchment to 4 Executive Engineers, from 1st November, 1965.