[Translation]

Rail Link between Sahjanwa and Doharighat

*597. SHRI MADAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme to link Sahjanwa Station on Gorakhpur-Lucknow section of North Eastern Railway with Doharighat Station by rail is under consideration;

(b) whether the survey work has been completed; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing this scheme ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A survey for construction of a new line from Sahjanwa to Dohrighat had been carried out in 1977.

(c) Severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand, have made it difficult to take up this work.

[Translation]

SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether sufficient funds would be allotted for this section out of the Seventh Plan allocation for the Railways?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : This scheme has not been included in the Seventh Plan.

SHRI MADAN PANDEY: Is any other scheme, such as Gorakhpur Chitauni and Gorakhpur Gonda loop line, being taken up for converting this metre gauge line into broad gauge?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : I require notice for it. We shall sympatheti-

cally consider the suggestion of the Hon. Member.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next Question. Question No. 598—Shri Digvijay Sinh. Again, Railways.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Am I going to receive a medal, Sir ?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : If you fulfil Members' demands all will give to you.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA Then : the awards will have no value.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Q. No. 598. Mr. Digvijay Sinh.

Loss of Revenue due to Ticketless Travel

*598. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of revenue to all Indian Railways on account of ticketless travel during the last one year;

(b) how many persons were sent to jail on conviction during the period; and

(c) whether Government propose to give incentives to those who apprehend ticketless travellers, be they Railway employees or others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) This information is not maintained.

(b) 1.21 lakhs persons were sent to jail during the year 1984.

(c) Incentives in the shape of cash awards and commendation certificates are given to the Railway staff, who show good results and devotion to duty in the field of ticket checking. No such incentive scheme \checkmark