2003 Resolution re: PHALGUNA 2, 1885 (SAKA) Railway line from 2004 Pathankot to Riasi

centage is coming down; on the other hand, the percentage will be certainly high if narrow gauge is taken into account.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member may continue his speech on Monday.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEM-BERS' BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

## THIRTY-THIRD REPORT

Shri Hem Raj (Kangra): I beg to move:

"That this House agrees with the Thirty-third Report of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions presented to the House on the 19th February, 1964."

. Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question

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The motion was adopted.

## 14.30 hrs.

## RESOLUTION RE: RAILWAY LINE FROM PATHANKOT TO RIASIcontd.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We shall now take up the further discussion of the following Resolution moved by Shri Gopal Dutt Mengi on the 13th December, 1963:—

"This House recommends that railway line be extended from Pathankot upto Riasi by the end of Fourth Five Year Plan to enable exploitation of the huge mineral potential and hydroelectric resources of Jammu & Kashmir State in the interest of the country as a whole".

The balance of time available is 47 minutes.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf may continue his speech. He has already taken four minutes.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf (Nominated— Jammu and Kashmir) Sir, last time when this resolution was moved, some of the friends from my State spoke on it, and perhaps one or two other friends also participated in the discussion. Today I will place before the House in a nutshell as to what are the feelings, and the necessities, of the people of my State to have this railway line at least during the time that my hon. friend Shri Dasappa is the Minister of Railways.

Sir, from the recent events in that part of the country, which touches Pakistan on one side and China on the other, it has become abundantly clear that communications there must not only be safe but, equally, speedy, more particularly when the road communications between Jammu and Kashmir up to the present rail-head, Pathankot, are not always dependable. Therefore I would urge upon the Central Government and the Minister of Railways that they should give first priority to the construction of this railway line and bringing it into the interior of the State. I would press with al lthe emphasis at my disposal that this railway line may not be stopped in Jammu or at Riasi but taken right into the valley. That will firstly help us to maintain our communication system all the year round; secondly, make it possible for our defence forces and our armaments to move there in time. And this lines can be made use of at any time whenever necessity of utilising it might arise.

The second point is this. With all the devlopment plans that are on these days, I personally feel that we have not been able to make much