

Jogighopa and Gauhati, via Dudhnoi, which would run close to the Assam/Meghalaya border, has since been approved for construction and this on completion will serve the people of Garo Hills.

### **Railway Head at Byrnihat Connecting Gauhati**

1023. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open a Railway head at Byrnihat connecting Gauhati station;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the survey work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of a BG Railway line from Gauhati to Burnihat in Meghalaya was approved in the Railway Budget for 1978-79. The 27 kms. line is estimated to cost Rs. 18.50 crores. The Government of Meghalaya, after initial objections, had agreed in July, 1983 to the terminal of the proposed line being located at Burnihat. However, a Cabinet Sub-Committee was subsequently appointed by the State Government on 10-12-1983 to review the earlier decision on location of the terminal at Burnihat. Final decision in the matter has not yet been received from the State Government. Pending receipt of final decision from State Government, the work in the field has been pending.

(c) The survey for the work has been completed.

### **Improvement of Power Generation in North Eastern States**

1024. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken steps to improve power generation in some power projects in the North Eastern States during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Roving teams of Central Electricity Authority have visited the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station having 2 units of 60 MW to study the overall performance of the station. The power station was also visited by a team of engineers drawn from CEA, BHEL and ILK to initiate action on the problem areas for stabilised operation of the power station. A time bound programme for rectification has been drawn up.

Team of Engineers from CEA, BHEL and ILK also visited the Namrup Thermal Power Station. A comprehensive renovation and modernisation scheme has been prepared based on the visit of this team. The scheme has been techno-economically cleared by CEA at an estimated cost of Re. 810 lakhs.

### **केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों में योग अध्यापकों के रिक्त पद**

1025. श्री भगतराम मनहर : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों में योग अध्यापकों के अनेक पद रिक्त पड़े हैं ;