

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All State capitals of the North East Region are proposed to be connected by Railway Lines wherever feasible. Two State capitals are already connected by rail lines i.e. Guwahati (Dispur) and Agartala. Further works have been taken up for connecting State capitals of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. For Sikkim, new line upto Rangpo has been taken up and the proposal of Rangpo-Gangtok new line has been processed for necessary approvals.

#### **Rail projects in Rajasthan**

†1443. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:

DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand to link Ajmer and Kota with other main cities by rail route is pending for many years;

(b) whether there is need of laying railway line and initiating rail facility immediately upto Kota via Nasirabad Kekri, Sarwad and Bundi;

(c) whether this rail route will be very useful and thousands of people deprived of rail facility on the above entire route will be benefited;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes for laying railway line and initiating rail facility immediately on this route; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) There have been demands to have a direct rail link between Ajmer and Kota. The survey for this new line was completed in 2007-08. However, the proposal was not considered. As announced in Railway Budget 2010-11, an updating survey for this new line project has been taken up. After updating survey, the proposal will be processed through Planning Commission for necessary approval.

#### **Lack of passenger facilities in Duronto Express**

†1444. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.