

Construction of National Highways

260. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total amount sanctioned for the construction and repair of National Highways in various States during the last three years; year-wise, State-wise and Highway-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): A statement is attached [See Appendix CXIV Annexure No. 24].

Scheme for double tracks between Sheoraphull and Tarakeshwar

261. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct double tracks between Sheoraphull and Tarakeshwar and also to extend lines upto Bishnupur via Arambagh to meet the demand of the local people; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Diesel coach service on Shantipur-Nabadwipghat railway line

262. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce diesel coach on Shantipur-Nabadwipghat narrow gauge line; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

At present there is no proposal to introduce Diesel Coaches on Shantipur-Nabadwipghat narrow gauge section.

(b) Does not arise.

Extension of Andal-Suri-Sainthia line

263. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to extend Andal-Suri-Sainthia line upto Karimpur via-Kandi-Berhampur-Jalangi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): There is no proposal under consideration for the present for undertaking a survey for a new B.G. line linking Sainthia with Karimpur.

Double track between Krishnanagar and Lalgola

264. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the laying of a double track between Krishnanagar and Lalgola, and for the electrification of the section; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Recasting the rail route of Nilachal Express

265. SHRI SANGDOPAL LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received a joint petition from Members of Parliament urging upon him to recast the route