

New railway line from Singrauli to Khajuraho

123. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility survey has been made for constructing a new railway line from Singrauli to Khajuraho and other places so as to boost the tourist traffic in that area; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed railway line is likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) A Preliminary Engineering -cum-Traffic Survey for a new line from Lalitpur to Singrauli via Khajuraho, Satna and Rewa (455 Kms.) is in progress.

(b) Field work is in progress and is likely to be completed by December 1980. The proposal to undertake construction will be examined on receipt of survey report.

Railway lines for backward districts of M.P.

124. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct railway lines in the backward districts of Madhya Pradesh which have industrial and mining potentialities;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to conduct a survey in this regard; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (c) The following surveys for new lines in Madhya Pradesh, to facilitate exploitation of mineral resources as

well as industrial development, are in progress:—

(Length in Kms.)

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| (i) Karonji to Barwadih
via Ambikapur (partly
in Bihar). | 154.00 |
| (ii) Lalitpur to Singrauli
via Khajuraho, Satna
and Rewa. | 455.00 |

Supply of wagons for carrying coal etc. for industries in M.P.

125. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway wagons to the extent of 15 per cent only are being supplied by the railways for carrying coal etc. meant for industries in Madhya Pradesh resulting in less production and unemployment in that State; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures are being contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) No.

The total demand for coal being more than the total availability, it is not possible to meet in full the demand of any state including Madhya Pradesh but the industries, particularly the important ones, get much more than 15 per cent of what they have demanded.

Fresh cases of virginity test

126. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Patriot of April 16, 1979 under the Caption "Virginity tests again"; and