

**RAILWAY LINES FROM SILCHAR TO JIRIGHAT
AND DHARMANAGAR TO AGARTALA**

*422. **SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1972 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision for the setting up of a railway line from Aijal to Lalaghat; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by when the work for setting up of railway lines from Silchar to Jirighat and from Dharmanagar to Agartala is likely to start; and

(c) the expected date by which the projects will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI) : (a) There is no proposal for a railway line from Aijal to Lalaghat at present.

(b) and (c) Survey for a new Railway line between Silchar and Jirighat has been sanctioned and is in progress. Survey for a new line from Dharmanagar to Agartala was recently carried out and the reports are still under examination. A final decision will be taken only after the reports have been considered

**BRAHMAPUTRA-PADMA-GANGA IRRIGATION
PROJECT**

*423. **SHRI KALYAN ROY** : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the experts of the World Bank have examined the prospects of a Brahmaputra-Padma-Ganga irrigation project; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL) : (a) The Government are not aware of any such effort on the part of the World Bank experts.

(b) Does not arise.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN TAMIL NADU

*424. **SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN** : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when all the villages in Tamil Nadu are likely to be electrified; and

(b) the number of villages, District-wise, which are likely to be electrified during the current year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL)

(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) As intimated by the Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board, all the villages in that State are likely to be electrified by the end of current financial year viz. 1972-73.

(b) There are 14,124 villages in Tamil Nadu out of which 12,837 villages have been electrified by 31st March 1972. The remaining villages are proposed to be electrified during the current financial year. District-wise break up of these villages to be electrified is given below :—

1. Dharmapuri	140
2. North Arcot	3
3. South Arcot	103
4. Salem	112
5. Coimbatore	1
6. Madurai	7
7. Tiruchirappalli	254
8. Thanjavur	481
9. Ramanathapuram	182
10. Tirunelveli	4
TOTAL	1,287

DRUG PRICE CONTROL ORDER

425. **SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY** : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to include some more essential drugs under the Drug Prices Control Order; and

(b) if so, what are those essential drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) :

(a) (b) Presently 17 bulk drugs have been classified as essential under the Drugs