

**THROUGH EXPRESS/MAIL TRAIN FROM
AHMEDABAD TO BANARAS**

X22. SHRI I. K. KALANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a through Express/Mail train from Ahmedabad to Varanasi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the train is proposed to be routed via Baroda-Nagda- Bhopal- Jhansi- Munikpur-Allahabad ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**ELECTRIFICATION OF AHMEDABAD-
VIRAR SECTION**

823. SHRI I. K. KALANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of electrification of Ahmedabad-Virar section is being executed according to schedule;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No.

(b) Delay is being caused due to undertaking of unavoidable and unforeseen flood protection works entailing lifting of track.

(c) The section is expected to be completed in stages progressively from April, 1973 to July, 1974.

**ADDITIONAL TRAIN BETWEEN AHMEDABAD
AND BOMBAY**

824. SHRI I. K. KALANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide an additional train between Ahmedabad and

Bombay in view of the increased passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**DIRECT TRAIN BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND
HOWRAH**

825. SHRI I. K. KALANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a special Mail/Express train between Ahmedabad and Calcutta (Howrah) for the convenience of the increased passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, the time by when it is likely to be introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

RAILWAY LINES WITHIN SUNDARBANS

826. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1972 and state the considerations that prompted Government for the rejection of the proposal of the Government of West Bengal to construct railway lines in the Sundarbans in West Bengal and also to connect it with Katwa town ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): Due to paucity of funds and inadequate traffic justification and high cost of the suggested lines in the difficult terrain, it will not be possible to consider these projects in the Sundarbans at present.