

to African countries recently, has not yet submitted its Report.

THIRUNELVELI-KANYA KUMARI RAILWAY LINE

274. SHRI P. THANULINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) at what stage is the proposed Thirunelveli-Kanya Kumari railway line; and
- (b) the route which the proposed line will follow?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH) : (a) Preliminary Engineering and Traffic surveys for this railway line have been carried out and the reports and estimates are under preparation of the Railway.

(b) The following two alternative routes have been surveyed:—

- (i) Tirunelveli - Kanyakumari - Nagercoil - Trivandrum
- (ii) Tirunelveli - Nagercoil - Trivandrum with a branch from Nagercoil to Kanyakumari.

Final decision regarding the alignment will be taken only after the reports are received and the two alternatives are fully considered from all aspects.

ORGANISATION OF DEMANDS SURVEY AND MARKET RESEARCH UNITS BY COAL INDUSTRY

SHRI SANKAR PRATAP

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L SHM U. S. DUGAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have asked the coal industry to organise its own demands survey and market research units regarding demand for coal; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MTNISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This will enable the coal industry to adjust its programme of production with the demands from variou* regions, and avoid an imbalance between the production of coal and the actual demand for it.

RAILWAY LINE UP TO JAMMU TAWI

276. SHRI OM MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey of Railway line up to Jammu Tawi *is* complete; and

(b) when the line up to Kathua is going to be commissioned and the work beyond Kathua started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THJE MINISTRY *or* RAILWAYS (Sma SHAM NATH): (a) Yes.

(b) The Railway line from Madhopur to Kathua, including Ravi bridge, is expected to be completed by the end of 1965. The extension of the line beyond Kathua has not been included for construction in the Third Plan.

The survey report is under examination, with particular reference to the alternative alignments investigated. After a decision is taken about the final alignment to be adopted, as a result of scrutiny from all angles, inclusion of the project in the Fourth Plan will be considered at the appropriate time, along with other similar proposals, in conjunction with the Planning Commission.

SUBSIDIZED GRAIN SHOPS FOR RAILWAYMEN

277. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will th* Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Railway-men's Federation have submitted any memorandum demanding the re-introduction of subsidized grain shops for railwaymen; and