

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: May I know, Sir, the total mileage of railway lines to be constructed during the Third Plan and the total mileage to be constructed in Maharashtra?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Railway lines are not distributed State-wise. In the first instance, the Railways have to plan according to the plans of development of industry and mineral resources and where the Planning Commission defines the priorities, the railway lines have to be constructed in those areas.

SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: When will the work on Diva-Panvel-Uran line be started?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The final location survey is already well in progress. We hope the work will start some time during the Third Plan.

REMOVAL OF ALARM CHAINS IN TRAINS

*713. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) from how many trains alarm chains have so far been removed;

(b) whether this has been resented by the passengers in general; and

(c) whether the enhancement of penalty for the wrongful pulling of alarm chains has brought down the number of such cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) 857.

(b) No instances of resentment by passengers have come to notice.

(c) Not yet, Sir.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: In the absence of these chains, what are the alternative devices to stop the trains in case of emergencies?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Even when it is blanked off, communication is still maintained between the guard and the engine driver and communication is also there with the Ladies' compartment. It is only in the Men's compartment that they have been blanked off and when the chains are blanked off, the guard and the engine driver are supposed to be more alert.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: That is true. I wanted to know whether in certain trains the chains had been taken out. What is the alternative device to stop the trains in case of emergencies in the compartments?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The emergency will be watched by the guard and the engine driver who will take charge of the train.

MURAL PAINTINGS IN THE RAILWAY HOSPITAL AT BOMBAY

*714. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has sanctioned a proposal to have mural paintings in the Railway Hospital at Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The murals have been provided as a decorative feature in keeping with the functional purpose of the building. They help to keep visitors and patients interested and relaxed while they are waiting or moving in the concourse. These murals have also some educative value as they depict the advancement of medical science through the ages.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if this is going to be tried in other hospitals also? What is going to be the cost of this?