

Sanction for survey of new railway lines

*270. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state by when sanction for survey of new railway lines, Jharsuguda-Allahabad *via* Sundergarh, Tapkara, Gumla, Ambikapur, Sidhi and Nuagaon; Jajpur Keonjhar Road-Jajpur (30 KMs) and extension of Ludhiana-Dankuni Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor to Brahmapur *via* Haridaspur, would be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): Survey for new railway lines Jharsuguda - Allahabad *via* Sundergarh, Tapkara, Gumla, Ambikapur, Sidhi and Nuagaon, Jajpur Keonjhar Road - Jajpur (30 KMs) is presently not under consideration.

There is no plan in the Ministry of Railways for extension of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (Ludhiana - Dankuni) up to Brahmapur *via* Haridaspur of Orissa.

New railway line to Silchar

*271. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new railway line to Silchar from Gogigopa (Goalpara), along the southern international border of Meghalaya has been proposed in the recent Railway Budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) No, Sir. However, a survey for new line for providing rail connectivity to Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya) has been included in 2011-12.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of industrial units in West Bengal

*272. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 16 industrial units proposed to be set up by Railways in West Bengal, product-wise;

(b) the total investment made by Railways in the above units; and

(c) the tentative date of commencement of production/services from these units?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) The details of industrial units proposed to be set up in West Bengal by Railways are as under: