

**Surveys for new Railway lines in the Eastern Railways**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the surveys (provisional or engineering) proposed to be conducted for the construction of new railway lines in the Eastern region of the country during the remaining period of the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) what is the estimated expenditure to be incurred on such surveys?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

Proposals for carrying out surveys for the construction of new railway lines are considered annually and included in the Railways annual plan. Surveys are in progress/approved to be taken up in 1976-77 for the following new rail links at an estimated cost mentioned against each. No decision has yet been taken for taking up surveys during the remaining period of the 5th Plan:

Name of the survey	Estimated cost of survey (in '000 rupees)	Remarks
1. Final Location Survey for a new B.G. line from Dehri-on-Sone to Pipradih (66 kms.)	5.65	Survey in progress.
2. Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for a B.G. line between Gaya and Rajgir (48 kms.)	99	Proposed to be taken up during the current financial year.
3. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Nirmali-Saraigarh M.G. line (42 kms.)	92	Survey in progress.
4. Survey for extending Jhanjharpur-Laukabazari Railway line upto Laukahi (16 kms.)	67	Survey in progress.
5. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a new B.G. line between Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga (70 kms.)	2.30	Survey in progress
6. Survey for construction of a railway line from Guala Baraiamda-Baraiburu/Tatiba	2.83	Survey proposed to be taken up during 1976-77.
7. Traffic-cum-Reconnaissance Feasibility Study for a new B.G. line from Mayanaguri to Sitai via Saptibari (90 kms.)	99	Survey proposed to be taken up during 1976-77.