

February 2014 were identified based on the demand for travel assessed on the basis of pattern of traffic during the previous year.

(c) Indian Railways operate a large number of suburban services, passenger services and Mail/Express services, which include Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Yuva and Garib Rath services, catering to various segments of the travelling public. The premium specials do not displace these regular services but complement them by providing a facility for travel at short notice by paying premium fares.

Railway works in Bhagalpur

†*273. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct a rail bridge on Ganga in Bhagalpur so that Bhagalpur could have a direct link with North-Eastern India;

(b) whether Government is also contemplating construction of an over bridge on Bhola Nath bridge at Ishakchak in Bhagalpur city;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government proposes to electrify the Bhagalpur loop line from Kiul to Barharwa and to construct double line passing through Jamalpur to Munger by demolishing the tunnel at Jamalpur in view of its dilapidated condition; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA):

(a) No, Sir. Bhagalpur is already connected to Northeastern India via Pirpainti, Barharwa, New Farakka, Malda Town and New Jalpaiguri.

(b) and (c) Railway considers proposals for construction of new Road Over Bridges on receiving requests from State Government. No request for construction of a new Road Over Bridge at Ishakchak has been received by Railways from the State Government.

(d) and (e) The proposal for electrification of Bhagalpur loop from Kiul-Bhagalpur-Barharwa has not been found viable on operational considerations. Doubling of Jamalpur-Ratanpur section is already a part of sanctioned work of construction of Munger Ganga Bridge. Existing tunnel in Ratanpur-Jamalpur section is in sound condition and second line will pass through separate new tunnel. However, doubling of Jamalpur-Munger section has not been sanctioned.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.