

RAILWAY LINE FROM HATHUA TO
KATIA THANA (N. E. RAILWAY)

*43. **Shri Jhulan Sinha** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the unanimous resolution of the Bihar Legislative Assembly passed last year recommending the construction of a new line from Hathua or Thawa stations connecting the Bhere and Katia Thana areas in Saran District, on the North Eastern Railway has been received by the Ministry ; and

(b) if so the action taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) A non-official resolution regarding the extension of the Railway line from Thawe to Bhatni via Katia, was received from the Bihar Government in October, 1955.

(b) This has been included in the list of lines which will be considered during the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri Jhulan Sinha : May I know how the things stand with regard to the consideration of that plan now?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : This line has been included in the list of various railway lines which will be considered during the next Five Year Plan. No further decision has been taken.

Shri G. P. Singh : May I know how many new lines have been recommended by the Government of Bihar and how many of them have been accepted by the Central Government?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : That is a general question. Does it arise out of this small question?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : In all, there are about 850 miles of priority railway lines which have to be constructed in the country. I do not have the details of.....

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : We have received the recommendations of the State Government for a number of lines, but we have taken no decision so far.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi : May I know whether it will be possible to electrify the suburban railway near about Delhi in the near future?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Is Delhi part of Hardwar or Bihar?

VELLORE-CONJEEVARAM RAILWAY LINE

*44. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the traffic survey undertaken by the Southern Railway Administration for a 44-mile long metre gauge railway line between Vellore and Conjeevaram has since been concluded;

(b) if so, whether the same has been examined by the Railway Board; and

(c) what decision has been arrived at?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I know when this survey was actually undertaken and why there is a delay in view of the fact that it is after all a 44-mile survey.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : All engineering and traffic surveys take considerable time. For this line, the staff is being recruited and the equipment for carrying out the survey is being collected.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : When is it likely to be received?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : When is it likely to be received, he asks. As early as possible.