

Rail link between Koraput and Bastar

4096. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Eastern Railway has been ordered by the Railway Board to conduct a survey for an alternative Rail link for movement of future traffic from Koraput to Bastar area as D.B.K. Railway is meant only for transport of iron ore; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of work in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b). No surveys have been carried out or ordered for a rail link between Koraput and Bastar and Ambaguda and Kesinga. However, feasibility-cum-cost studies for a line from Ambaguda to Lanjigarh Road carried out in 1965-66 had revealed that the proposal will not be financially justified

A traffic survey for a B.G. line from Dhalli-Rajhara to Dantewara/Jagdapur via Bastar has also recently been completed and the report is under

examination of the Railway Board. A decision regarding construction of this line (Dhalli Rajhara-Dantewara/Jagdapur) will be taken after the examination is completed and the results thereof become known

Allotment of Fallow Land to Class IV Railway Employees for Cultivation

4097. SHRI J. G. KADAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many hectares of fallow land under Railway control was given to Railway employees for growing food grains etc. in the year 1972-73 as announced by Railway Minister in Parliament; and

(b) how many Class IV Railway employees have taken advantage of the above scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) 13,012 788 hectares

(b) 20,920 Class IV employees State-wise break-up is as under:—

Andhra	325	Assam	38
Bihar	2,794	Delhi	7
Gujrat	1,198	Haryana	144
Himachal Pradesh	127	Kerala	831
Madhya Pradesh	1,789	Mahrashtra	1,688
Mysore	429	Nagaland	1
Orissa	408	Punjab	589
Rajasthan	1,156	Tamil Nadu	1,031
Tripura	12	Uttar Pradesh	6,046
West Bengal	2,307		
TOTAL	20,920		

Railway line between Bichia Station and Kaurialaghat via River Ghagra

4098. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the construction of Railway

line between Bichia and Kaurialaghat Stations on the North-Eastern Railway connecting the two Districts of Bahraich and Lakhimpur Kheri of Uttar Pradesh via river Ghagra; and

(b) by what time Government propose to finish the work?