

(d) if so, when the trial run was taken on this line; and

(e) when trains will start running on this track?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 35.9 crores.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The trial was conducted on 25.10.89,

(e) A daily mixed train is proposed to be run on this line on experimental basis, after about two months.

[*Translation*]

Rail Link to Buddhist Pilgrim Centres

8771. **SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct rail link for ancient Nallanda University, Rajgir Bodhgaya, Gorakhpur, Gorakhpur, Gonda, Sarnath, Kushinagar, Lumbini, Varshavash and Shravasti, the places of Budhist pilgrimage;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accord sanction for a new railway line for Rajgir, Bodhyaga, Sarnath, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar and Gonda-Shravasti and to double the tracks of Gaya Patna and Gaya Kiul railway lines;

(c) whether Government have received any representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Nalanda, Rahgir, Gorakhpur, Gonda, Sarnath are linked by rail. The other stations are not linked by rail.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Representations have been received for extension of Baktiarpur-Rajgir line to Bodhgaya, Deoria-Padrauna link, Sahjanwa-Balrampur-Shravasti new lines and for doubling of Patna-Gaya and Gaya-Kiul lines. Due to constraint of resources there is no proposal at present to take up above works.

[*English*]

Rail Link to Agartala

8772. **SHRI K. B. K. DEB BURMAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to accord high priority to bring Agartala, the capital of Tripura, on the rail map of the country; and

(b) if so, the provision made in this regard under the annual plan for 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Final Location Survey for extension of Railway line upto Agartala has been taken up.

(b) An amount of Rs. 18 lakhs has been allotted to this survey during 1990-91.

BG Rail Line Between Manmad and Aurangabad

8773. **SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in laying