## New Railway Lines in Punjab

992. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to lay new Railway lines in Punjab;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which each proposal shall be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMAN-THAIYA): (a) to (c). Railway development is not envisaged on any Statewise or region-wise concepts but on overall development considerations in the national

interest. However, proposals for new lines in the Fourth Plan have not yet been finalised and it is too early to say whether any new line falling wholly or partly in Punjeb, will at all be taken up for construction in the Fourth Plan period.

## Railway Lines Laid Since 1968

- 993. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL: Will the Minister of BAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state:
- (a) the length of new Railway lines laid since 1968 in India, Railway-wise and State-wise; and
  - (b) the length of new railway lin es that

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THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMAN-THAIYA): (a) Information about Railway matters is compiled Railway-wise and not State-wise. Accordingly a Statement showing new lines constructed and opened

to traffic since 1968 Railway-wise, is attached as Statement 'A'.

(b) Railway development is envisaged on overall development considerations in the national interest and not on any State-wise or region-wise concepts. No new line has been laid in the area comprising the present Punjab State since 1968.

STATEMENT

New lines constructed and opened to traffic since 1968

| Railway            | S. No. | Name of Line  |       | Gauge/Length in Kms. | Date o opening |
|--------------------|--------|---|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| Northern           |        |   |       |                      |                |
| Raiway             | 1.     | Singrauli-Obra  | BG    | 57.56                | 30-4-70        |
|                    | 2.     | Pokaran-Jaisalmer   | MG    | 105.00               | 28-1-68        |
|                    | 3.     | Delhi Avoiding Lines<br>and connected Traffic<br>facilities.          | BG    | 17.67                | 16-2-69        |
|                    | 4.     | Hindumalkot-Sriganga<br>nagar   | BG    | 27.56                | 11-1-70        |
|                    |        |   | Total | 207.79               |                |
| South Eastern      |        |   |       |                      |                |
| Railw <b>a</b> y   | L      | Bailadilla-Kottavalasa  | BG    | 447.00               | 1-11-68        |
|                    | 2.     | Panchkura-Durgachuk<br>portion of Panchkura-<br>Haldia Port rail link | BG    | 58.91                | 16-1-69        |
|                    |        | IIRIGIA I OIT IMI IMIR  | 20    |                      | 10 1 05        |
|                    |        |   | Total | 505.91               |                |
| Southern           |        |   |       |                      |                |
| Railway            | 1.     | Bangalore-Salem   | MG    | 229.33               | 14-11-68       |
|                    | 2.     | Renigunta-Tirupati  | BG    | 9,80                 | 29-9-68        |
|                    |        |   | Total | 239.13               |                |
| Western<br>Railway | 1.     | Jhund-Kandia  | ВG    | 230.75               | 20-12-69       |
|                    |        | Grand Total:  |       | 1183.58              |                |