

Department of Railways and Canals.

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(CIRCULAR.)

**TO RAILWAY COMPANIES AND OTHERS MAKING
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM PARLIA-
MENT TOWARDS THE BUILDING OF A RAILWAY.**

Before any application can be taken into consideration it is essential that information be furnished upon the points following :—

The charter of the company, together with reference to any Acts by which it may have been amended.

The means definitely in hand and those promised or contemplated, whether by way of Provincial or Municipal bonuses or otherwise, on which the company are relying for the satisfactory completion of the undertaking.

The number of miles the construction of which is proposed, whether to the final terminus of the road, or to the terminus of the portion as to which a subsidy is being sought from Parliament.

The estimated cost, per mile, of the railway as a whole, or that of the portion for which a subsidy is asked, together with information as to the data upon which such estimate has been formed.

The important streams, if any, to be crossed, and the estimated cost of bridging them ; together with the length and character of the bridge structure proposed.

The character of the country to be traversed ; the nature of the soil ; the extent of existing settlement and of indication or development of mineral wealth, or of other features contributory to traffic and to public advantage.

In addition to the foregoing it is requisite that the company furnish maps indicating the general location of the road, or the general direction of the line contemplated ; and also, if at the time practicable, the curves and gradients which it is proposed to adopt.

It is to be observed that the furnishing of information of this character in as full, yet concise, form as possible will greatly expedite the arriving at a conclusion as to the advisability, or the reverse, of aiding the enterprise.

By order.

Secretary,
Dept. of Railways and Canals.