

NEW ROUTE LINKS RUSSIA WITH INDIA

Ancient Camel Track Rebuilt Swiftly—7,000 tons borne by Trucks Each Month

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How a camel track centuries old has been remodelled into a broad motor highway over which 7,000 tons of supplies are rolling every month from India to Russia was revealed to-day by the Agency-General for India. The route has brought India's resources to within a week's road journey from Russia's southern border.

It is the East Persia route, built swiftly but secretly by a pick-and-shovel army of

30,000 men, women, and children from Zahidan, near the Iranian-Baluchistan frontier through Iran to Bajgiran. It was constructed mainly as an alternate to the West Persian railroad route from the Persian Gulf, in case that were cut by the German Army. Now it supplements it.

Although it has been in use for many months, only now have the facts of its construction and statistics of traffic been published.

