

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know whether the Government servants of Cochin State and the Government servants of Travancore have been integrated?

**Dr. Katju:** I am informed many representations have been received from Cochin Government servants of there not being any proper integration. These will be looked into.

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know, whether according to Article 371 of the Constitution, there is general control by the Centre regarding the administration of the States?

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the special information he wants. He is inviting attention to Article 371.

**Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** May I know whether any action has been taken by the Centre to redress the grievances?

**Dr. Katju:** The procedure is that we send all those complaints to the State Governments for examination and then take necessary action.

#### RAGHOPORE-PRATAPGANJ RAILWAY LINE

\*1598. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a railway line, running from Forlusganj to Bhaptiahi in the districts of Purnea and Bhagalpore in North Bihar via Pratapganj and Raghopore;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when was the said railway line abandoned and for what reasons; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the said railway line?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) There was a rail connection between Bhaptiahi and Pratapganj Ghat only, but not between Pratapganj and Forbesganj.

(b) The line between Pratapganj and Bhaptiahi had to be progressively closed down between the years 1911 and 1927, on account of the westward advance of the Kosi river.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether it is proposed to restore the railway line, since the area is free from flood of the Kosi now?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Well, the matter is not under Government's consideration just at present. Unless the Kosi

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river is controlled and its course is stabilised, it would not be practicable to have an all-weather line in the area.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Is it a fact that the Central Jute Committee of India and the Government of Bihar have recommended the construction of these railway lines?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** There was some correspondence from the Government of Bihar. But the Central Board of Transport decided that it was not possible to take up that project just at present.

#### ग्राम सुधार परियोजनाएँ

\*१५९९. **सेठ गोविन्द दास:** क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५२-५३ में कौन कौन सी ग्राम सुधार परियोजनाएँ आरम्भ की जायेंगी ?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** 15 Development Projects sanctioned with financial assistance from the Ford Foundation have been or will be undertaken during 1952-53. One each of these projects will be located in U.P., Bombay, West Bengal, Mysore, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Hyderabad, PEPSU, Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bhopal and Travancore-Cochin.

In addition, 55 Community Projects have been selected under the Community Development Programme to be started in October, 1952 and completed by 1955-56.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास:** इन योजनाओं के सम्बन्ध में जब निर्णय किया गया था तब क्या भिन्न भिन्न प्रदेशों की सरकारों से भी राय ली गई थी ?

**श्री करमरकर:** जी हाँ ।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास:** जब यह राय आ गई और उस के बाद केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस के सम्बन्ध में निर्णय किया तो क्या उस वक्त भिन्न भिन्न प्रदेशों के कृषि मंत्री या मुख्य मंत्री मौजूद थे जिन की सलाह से अन्तिम निर्णय हुआ ?