

Shri Shivnanjappa: In view of the fact that the cane-planting season at Mandya has commenced in June and the ryots of this area do not know what price they will get for the cane, do the Government contemplate to allow the 1951-52 rates to continue?

Shri Karmarkar: We understood that the sowings were already over round about March.

Shri Kelappan: Do Government guarantee a minimum price to cultivators?

Shri Karmarkar: I think usually they do. This price fixation is done with a view to give the growers a minimum price.

Shri Nambiar: Have the Government of India agreed to allow the disbursement of the prices to the cane growers in two instalments rather than in one instalment, and may I know whether there was any representation from the Madras State against payment in two instalments?

Shri Karmarkar: I am not aware of any representation but I will find out.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if the price paid at Mandya is the same as is paid in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

Shri Karmarkar: Speaking off hand, I think the prices vary, but I have not got the exact figures with me.

Shri Nevatia: Will the hon. Deputy Minister kindly inform the House the price realised for sugarcane by converting the same into gur as compared with the price fixed for supply of cane to the sugar factories?

Shri Karmarkar: Sir, it is a very complicated calculation which I will have to make.

स.बार ए० ऐस० सहलगल : क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यदि शुगर केन की कीमत में कमी होगी तो क्या चीनी के भाव में भी रद्दो बदल होगा ?

श्री कर्मकर : जी हाँ, शुगर केन की कीमत कम हो जाये तो शुगर की कीमत भी कम हो जायेगी ।

CHAMRAJA NAGAR—SATYAMANGALA RAILWAY LINK

*2112. **Shri Shivnanjappa:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government will take

up construction of the proposed Chamraja Nagar and Satyamangala Railway link on the Southern Railways in the current financial year?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when do they propose to take up construction and when do they propose completing it?

The Minister of Railways and Transport: (Shri L. E. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) It has been decided by the Central Board of Transport that the project should be taken up during 1954-55 and 1955-56. Government are not in a position to state at present when the line will be completed, as this would depend on the availability of funds from year to year.

Shri Shivnanjappa: Has any preliminary survey been undertaken?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Yes, a survey has been conducted.

Shri Madiah Gowda: May I know the cost of this project?

Shri L. E. Shastri: The cost of this project will be about Rs. 4.65 crores.

Shri Madiah Gowda: Is it a fact that a number of representations were made by the people of South India to take up this project and give it high priority in view of its importance?

Shri L. B. Shastri: We are giving priority to it but we cannot take it up before 1954-55.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: What are the exact reasons for not taking up this line this year?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I have already given the reasons. It is not possible to take it up earlier. We have got a plan and we have provided this project for the year 1954-55—we cannot take it up before that.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know whether Government is aware that the Mysore Legislature has passed a resolution pressing for this scheme to be taken up early?

Shri L. B. Shastri: That may be so—I am not aware of it.

OVERLOADING

*2113. **Shri B. L. Tudu:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any overloading case instituted by any passenger against the Railway Department during the year 1951-52;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative.

(i) how many; and

(ii) what are the decisions in those cases; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to do away with the over-crowding in trains especially in third class?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Endeavours are being made to get new rolling stocks as quickly as possible and the measures taken to put on line additional coaching stock have been explained fully under the heading "PLANNING FOR RECOVERY" at pages 6-9 and under the heading "ROLLING STOCK" at pages 56-57 of the White Paper issued along with the interim Budget Papers in February, 1952.

महानदी पर पुल

*२११४. श्री जांगड़े : यातयात मंत्री

यह बनवाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार महानदी के ऊपर हिराकुड बाँव के पास वाले ओर अंग के पास वाले दो पुतों के अतिरिक्त कोी और पुल बनवाने का विचार कर रही है या बनवा रही है ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): Not at present. An additional bridge will be required for the National Highway System over the Mahanadi near Cuttack in due course.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश, उड़ीसा और केन्द्रीय सरकार के बीच में सारंगगढ़ और रायगढ़ के बीच महानदी पर पुल निर्माण करने का विचार किया जा रहा है, जैसा कि यातायात मंत्रालय की रिपोर्ट में दिया गया है ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : जी हाँ, यह ठीक है। इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि महानदी पर सारंगगढ़ और रायगढ़ के बीच जो पुल बनाने का विचार किया जा

रहा है, उस के कब तक बन जाने की सम्भावना है।

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : इस समय तो इस का बतलाना कठिन है। जैसा मैं ने कहा अभी इस विषय पर विचार किया जा रहा है इसलिये विचार हो जाने के बाद ही यह बताया जा सकेगा कि वह कब तक बनेगा।

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि महानदी पर आरन के पास जो पुल बनाया जा रहा है उस पर अब तक कितना खर्च हुआ है और वह पुल कब तक बन जायेगा ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : यह तो नहीं मालूम कि अब तक कितना खर्च हो चुका है, लेकिन कुल खर्च २२ लाख रूपया उस पर खर्च होगा। अब तक एक तिहाई काम पूरा हो चुका है।

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know when the Mahanadi bridge near Cuttack is likely to be constructed?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I have already said that the project is still under consideration. Therefore it is difficult to say when the work will commence.

Pandit Lingaraj Misra: May I know what will be the cost of this project?

Shri L. B. Shastri: We have not estimated the cost as yet.

ABOLITION OF FIRST CLASS

*2116. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the savings that Government propose to have with the abolition of present first class travelling in the railways;

(b) the names of the classes that would continue afterwards; and

(c) the heads over which the estimated savings are to be spent?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (c). The financial implications of abolition of the first class are still under examination and no estimate of savings is yet available.