

Sholapur-Chitradurg National Highway via Hospeth; and

(b) what progress has been made so far?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) About Rs. 75.00 lakhs are expected to be spent during the 3rd Plan period.

(b) Development work has not yet pleased to state:

Shifting of Bridges from Sitimani Railway Station

1168. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the site of the existing Railway Bridge at Sitimani Railway station on Mubli-Sholapur line in view of the proposed Upper Krishna Valley project; and

(b) if so, what will be the cost of a new bridge and when the work will be started?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) By the proposed construction of a Dam by the Mysore Govt. across the River Krishna on the down-stream side of the existing Railway bridge, a part of the Railway line near Sitimani Station including the bridge would be submerged in the reservoir formed by the Dam and would necessitate the diversion of the Railway line for a length of nearly 13 miles including construction of a new bridge across the Krishna River. The matter is still under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Irrigation and Power.

(b) It is not possible to give the cost of the new bridge etc. at this stage.

Conversion of Metre-Gauge Line from Hubli to Sholapur

1169. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the meter gauge line from Hubli to Sholapur into a broad gauge line in view of the expansion of the cement factory at Bagalkot, the movement of high quality of Manganese ore and the general rise in trade and commerce; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): No.

(b) Does not arise.

Geophysical Investigation in Mysore State

1170. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been Geophysical investigation in some areas of famine stricken district of Bijapur in Mysore State, with a view to explore the possibilities of tapping the underground water;

(b) whether the orders were issued to have an exploratory tube-well near Manankalagi in Indital Bijapur District of Mysore State; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes. A geophysical survey was carried out by the Geological Survey of India in the Bijapur District in 1955-56. The prospects of ground-water availability in large quantities were reported to be poor.

(b) Drilling was, however, recommended at a site near Manankalagi.

in Indital Bijapur District as it offered some possibility of underground water availability.

(c) Information is not available of the action taken by the State Government on this recommendation.

Improvement of Alanawar-Dandeli Section

1171. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to take over and improve the Alanawar-Dandeli section in view of the increased demand on account of expansion of industries in Dandeli?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): It has already been decided to take over this line, which at present is owned by the Government of Mysore and worked by the Ministry of Railways. The necessary improvements of the section will be taken in hand as soon as the ownership passes to the Government of India, for which the concurrence of the State Government, who were addressed in July 1961, is still awaited.

Power Supply to Gauhati

1172. Shri Liladhar Kotoki: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power supply to Gauhati city has been seriously affected due to decrease in the water flow in the Umtru river project on account of drought; and

(b) measures taken on temporary, and permanent basis?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation & Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No report to this effect has been received.

(b) It is for the Assam State Electricity Board/Government of Assam to take such action as may be considered necessary.

कोटा रेलवे क्वार्टरों में स्थित मिशनरी स्कूल

११७३. श्री बैरया : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोटा (राजस्थान) के रेलवे यार्ड में कुछ रेलवे क्वार्टर ऐसे हैं, जिनमें ईसाई मिशनरी स्कूल चलाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो ये स्कूल वहाँ कब से चलाये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इनको खाली कराकर रेलवे कर्मचारियों को ये क्वार्टर देने की कोई व्यवस्था की जायेगी ?

रेलवे मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) कोटा के सोफिया मिशन स्कूल को दो यूनिट क्वार्टर पट्टे पर दिये गये हैं ।

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(ग) चूँकि क्वार्टर कब्रिस्तान के पास एकान्त जगह में बने हुए हैं, इसलिए कर्मचारी उनमें रहने में हिचकते हैं ।

Recruitment to P. & T. Services, Assam

{ Shri Swel:
1174. { Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Posts and Telegraphs (Assam, has notified in local papers that tests for recruitment to services of P. & T. in Assam would be taken on the following subjects (i) English; (ii) Arithmetic; (iii) Geography; and (iv) the Regional Language (Assamese);

(b) if so, whether such notification does not violate the direction of Government that tests in a regional