

entire power requirements of the Capital freely. The situation will improve when 20,000 kW of power from the Bhakra-Nangal system, expected to be available in June, 1962, is received. In case, the receipt of this quantum of power is delayed due to any reason, the situation would have to be met by enforcing restrictions in supply of power to the extent considered necessary.

Railway Booking Agencies in Hissar and Sirsa

313. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open railway booking agencies in the towns of Hissar and Sirsa; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No, as the opening of City Booking Agencies at these places is not justified either on financial grounds, or as a measure of public necessity, the facilities at the station being adequate.

Bridge near Hissar Railway Station

314. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to construct a railway bridge for public near Hissar Railway station; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The provision of over/under-bridges across Railway line has to be sponsored by the State Government. The Railways undertake such works wherever the State Governments recommend and provide necessary funds to meet their share of the cost as per rules. There has been no proposal from the Government of Punjab for an over-bridge at Hissar during the Third Five Year Plan.

Construction of Rohtak-Bhiwani Railway Line

315. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct Rohtak-Bhiwani railway line in the near future;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative when Government intend to construct the said railway line?

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

(b) The proposal is not included in the railway's programme of construction of new lines for the Third Five Year Plan. With the limited financial resources, the chances of taking up this line for consideration in the near future are remote.

(c) Does not arise.

Traffic Problems in Dhanbad Town

316. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the movement of people and conveyances at Dhanbad are being seriously handicapped by the railway lines blocking the immediate passage to the town resulting in traffic congestion for a prolonged period; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any improved technique in the near future to do away with such acute public inconveniences?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is some unavoidable detention to road traffic at Naya Bazar Level Crossing gate at Dhanbad.