

**Construction of Baisaghat Bridge
(District Furnea, Bihar)**

1036. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAH-MAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted any proposal or plan for construction of Baisaghat Bridge (District Furnea, Bihar) or for allotment of fund for the construction of the above said bridge; and

(b) if so, the broad outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Execution of Hooghly Bridge Project

7037. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reappraisal has been made of the qualifications and practical competence of the various foreign consultants proposed to be appointed for execution of the Hooghly Bridge Project in Calcutta, as a prelude to finalising the consultancy contracts; and

(b) if so, results of the reappraisal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA):

(a) and (b). The proposed Hooghly Bridge falls on a State Road and therefore, the Government of West Bengal are primarily concerned with all matters pertaining to this project covering planning, tendering, award of work execution etc. including the reappraisal if any, of the qualifications and practical competence of the various foreign consultants proposed to be appointed by the State Government.

Unfilled posts of General Manager in Government of India Press Minto Road New Delhi

7038. SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of General Manager in Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi;

(b) when each of these posts were sanctioned by Government and from which date to which date they remained filled;

(c) how many of these posts are now down-graded and from which dates; and

(d) the reasons for keeping them unfilled and down-graded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) One.

(b) The post in the scale 1100—1400, was sanctioned with effect from the 14th October, 1955. The post remained filled up till 22nd September 1972.

(c) The post has been temporarily down graded to that of Manager Grade I in the scale 900—1250, with effect from the 28th September, 1972.

(d) The post of General Manager is filled up by promotion of Managers Grade I with 2 years' service in their grade. No officer who fulfils this requirement is available at the moment.

Acreege of land under Minor Irrigation

7039. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing acreage under minor irrigation in the country, State-wise; and