

**RAIL ROAD OVER BRIDGE AT
VIJAYAWADA**

2379. **SHRI SOBHANADRESWARA
RAO VADDE**, Will the Minister of
of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a rail-road over-bridge in lieu of level crossing near Ajit Singh Nagar at Vijayawada on Vijaywada-Howrah line has been approved by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its estimated cost;

(c) whether the work has been started, if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the time schedule fixed for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.
C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of Road over-bridge in lieu of level crossing at Ajit Singh Nagar was included in the Railway's Works Programme 1987-88. Cost as per sanctioned estimate Rs. 3.05 crores Railway's share Rs. 1.44 crores and State Government's share Rs. 1.61 crores.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Work on approaches has not yet been started by State Government. Scheme was changed by them from Road under-bridge to Road over-bridge in September 1988. The estimates for road over-bridge were sanctioned in 1991. State Government has now requested for revision in estimates. The Railway has asked the State Government to furnish itemwise reasons for increase in cost. No time schedule can be fixed at this stage.

[Translation]

PADDY CULTIVATION IN M.P.

2380. **SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL** : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total areas of land covered under paddy cultivation in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the target fixed by the Government of paddy cultivation for the year 1993-94. in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government have chalked out any programme in order to increase paddy production and to encourage the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The total area under paddy cultivation was 50.98 lakh hectare in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92.

(b) The Government of India have fixed a production target of 58.80 lakh tonnes of rice in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94.

(c) and (d) For increasing the production of paddy, a centrally sponsored Integrated Programme for Rice Development has already in operation in the State. Through this scheme, assistance is being provided to the farmers on the use of certified seeds of High Yielding varieties. Micronutrients, Herbicides, Plant Protection chemicals, Improved Farm Implements. Plant Protection Equipments, etc. to encourage them to adopt improved rice production technology. Besides, for quick transfer of newly developed crop production technology demonstrations on farmer fields are conducted and also training is imparted to the farmers/farm labourers.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN OF GUJARAT

2381. **SHRI N. J. RATHVA** :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received a plan from the Government of Gujarat for cleaning of rivers and environmental improvement of cities in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a)
No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.