

received minor injuries. The approximate cost of damage to engine, rolling-stock and Permanent Way and other railway property was Rs. 10,200. There was no damage to the property of passengers.

(c) The cause of the accident will be known on receipt of the proceedings of the Railway Divisional Officer's Enquiry which has been held into the accident.

(d) This will be decided on finalisation of the proceedings of the enquiry.

•
PATNA-RANCHI ROAD

758. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:

(a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that about 20 miles of the Patna-Ranchi road has gone under water?

(b) Was there a big bridge on the road which has also gone under water?

(c) What was the cost of the bridge and whether attempts were made to remove parts of the structure?

(d) Has the abandoned road been blocked at the two ends to indicate that it has been abandoned?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) As stated in my reply to the unstarred Question No. 1066 dated the 16th April 1953, a length of about 1½ miles of the Patna-Ranchi road was submerged during the monsoon of 1952. The maximum length of the road liable to submergence is about two miles.

(b) As stated in my reply to the unstarred Question No. 1066, a small bridge over a tributary of the river Barakar has been submerged.

(c) and (d). Enquiries have been made of the Bihar Government. The information, when received will be laid on the Table of the House.

बिहार के लिए नई रेलवे लाइनें

७५९: ठाकुर जुगल किशोर सिंह :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बिहार राज्य

में नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाने की कोई योजना बनायी है ;

(ख) कहां कहां नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाई जायेंगी ;

(ग) क्या सीतामढ़ी से सोनदरसा तक रेलवे लाइन बनाने की कोई योजना बनाई गई है, जिस से कि उस क्षेत्र के ग्रामों को रेल द्वारा यातायात की सुविधा मिल सके; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो यह योजना कब तक क्रियान्वित होगी ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes, in the iron ore areas on the Orissa borders and in connection with the Ganga Bridge at Mokameh.

(c) Not at present.

(d) Does not arise.

AIRWAYS-INDIA FREIGHTER CRASH

760. Shri Gadilingana Gowd: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an Airways India Freighter Plane crashed off at Gauhati a few months ago;

(b) whether any enquiry has been made; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to lay the report on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes, Sir; on the 14th April 1953.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The report is at present under examination. A copy will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.