

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The memorandum under reference has been received only recently. The various grievances of the travelling and trading public of North Bihar, as referred to in the aforesaid memorandum, have been examined and the steps taken are detailed in the attached statement. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 26].

#### New Railway Line

1350. Shri Thanu Pillai : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from the Chamber of Commerce, Tuticorin for the construction of a railway line from Manamadura to Tuticorin;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been examined; and

(c) whether it will be included in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been noted for consideration while selecting new lines for construction during the Second Five Year Plan Period.

(c) It is too early to say.

#### Manapad Bridge

1351. Shri Thanu Pillai : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work in the Manapad Bridge in Tirunelveli District;

(b) whether any representations have been made by Bridge Committee Manapad; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The Government of India have no information regarding the progress of work on the Manapad bridge as they are not responsible for its construction.

(b) Yes.

(c) The representation was forwarded to the Madras Government for necessary action.

#### Centrally aided Roads

1352. Shri M Islamuddin : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the roads that are being constructed or proposed to be constructed in Bihar during 1955-56; with the aid of the Central Government;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up the construction and improvement of the roads on the Indo-Pakistan border area of the State particularly to prevent and facilitate the checking of smuggling of goods on the border areas?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 27].

(b) A total grant of Rs. 1,29,80,423/- has been approved for these schemes.

(c) The Government of India have no such proposal under consideration.

#### Recruitment

1353. Shri Mohiuddin : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants who appeared for interview before the Railway Service Commission, Allahabad, for employment in 1953-54 and 1954-55;

(b) the number of persons selected; and

(c) the number amongst them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

	*1953-54	1954-55
(a)	2,318	12,594
(b)	1,587	6,226
(c) Scheduled Castes	48	256
Scheduled Tribes	5	6

\*The Allahabad Commission was set up in December, 1953 and these figures are from December, 1953 to March, 1954.