

से (ग). गाजीपुर-बलिया खण्ड के रास्ते वाराणसी छपरा खण्ड का मीटर लाइन से बड़ी लाइन में भ्रामान परिवर्तन करने के लिए एक प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी एवं यात्रायात सर्वेक्षण प्रगति पर है। रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने पर इस मामले की सभी दृष्टिकोणों से जांच की जायेगी। अर्थक्षम पाये जाने पर इस परियोजना का निर्माण आरम्भ कर दिया जायेगा बशर्ते कि योजना आयोग की स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो जाये और धान का आयात कर दिया जाये।

छपरा-मारख रोड पर पुल

1558. श्री सत्यदेव सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या छपरा कचेरी स्टेशन के पूर्व में छपरा-मारख रोड पर कोई ऊपरी पुल न होने में लोगों को भारी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का विचार वहां पुल बनाने का है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संबन्धित कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग). छपरा-कचहरी स्टेशन के पूर्व में छपरा-मारख रोड पर ऊपरी सड़क पुल बनाने के प्रस्ताव पर राज्य सरकार के परामर्श में रेलवे विचार कर रही है।

Return Journey Tickets

1559. SHRI AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether return journey tickets purchased are not confirmed and the reply-paid telegrams do not reach their destinations thereby causing innumerable hardships, inconveniences and

difficulties to the travelling public particularly Government servants who go out to avail the Leave Travel Concessions granted to them by Government;

(b) whether the quality of the paper used for issuing return journey tickets is of such a poor quality that it gets mutilated and torn in 3-4 foldings thereby putting the passenger in problems;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that return journey tickets are confirmed within two days; and

(d) how many cases of the type occurred in 1980 and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a), (c) and (d). Confirmation of reservation on return journey tickets is obtained from the controlling reservation offices either by sending telegraphic messages or by teleprinters or through countries depending upon the facilities available and adequate notice. In case of demand of reservation at short notice, occasions can arise due to interruptions in communication system when return journey reservations are not confirmed. Return journey quotas have been provided wherever regular traffic exists between two pairs of stations and confirmations are given at the time of purchase of tickets to the extent of quotas allotted. During the year 1980, 83 complaints were received where return journey reservations were not confirmed. All such cases were investigated and suitable remedial action as necessary was taken.

(b) The quality of paper used for issuing the return journey tickets is satisfactory.

Indo-Pak Joint Programme for Development of Nuclear Technology

1560. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal by Pakistan for joint