

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) It is directly connected with Banaras, but not with Gorakhpur. Azamgarh-Gorakhpur calls transit at Mau. The communication is not obstructed by the Mau exchange.

(b) The traffic between Azamgarh and Gorakhpur does not justify a direct circuit.

Bridge over Dohrighat

176. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed bridge at Dohrighat on the Gorakhpur-Ghazipur-Banaras National Highway is included in the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 92 lakhs approximately.

Azamgarh Railway Station

177. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Azamgarh Station on the North Eastern Railway is being converted into a first Class Railway Station;

(b) if so, what amenities are proposed to be provided to passengers; and

(c) whether the approach road of the Railway Station would be cemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There is no proposal to make any major changes.

(b) However, (i) A 300 ft. long platform shelter is under construction.

(ii) provision has been made in 1957-58 for installing hand pump in goods shed; extension of parcel office and S.Q.T. godown, and

(iii) in 1958-59 it is proposed to provide a goods office and strong room.

(c) No, Sir.

Minor Port of Ratnagiri

178. **Shri Premjibhai Ranchhodass Assar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of the minor Ports of Ratnagiri District (Bombay State);

(b) if so, the names of Ports; and

(c) the nature of the proposal and the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The development of minor ports is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government gives financial assistance for schemes included in the Five Year Plans. The Second Five Year Plan includes schemes for the development of the ports of Vengurla, Malvan, Vijardurg, Purnagad, Ratnagiri, Jaigad, Dabhol, Deogad, Achra, Boriya and Bankot in the Ratnagiri District (Bombay State). The works cover improvement of landing facilities, navigational aids, etc.

Divya Dasgaon Railway Line

179. { **Shri Assar:**
Shri Goray:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question No. 155 on the 25th July, 1956 and Starred Question No. 1364 on the 19th December, 1956 and state:

(a) the new Railway lines for which survey has been ordered in Bombay State;