

Banspani Station for inward and outward traffic?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Banspani Station is already open for booking of goods in smalls from 12th May, 1958 locally and from 15th June, 1958 in through booking, both for inward and outward traffic.

**Drinking Water Facilities at Banspani Station**

**3112. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no drinking water facilities at Banspani station; and

(b) what action has been taken to provide drinking water facilities at Banspani station?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Though Banspani is an ore loading station and has not been opened for passenger traffic yet arrangements exist for supply of drinking water from a Well.

**Expansion of Banspani Station**

**3113. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to expand the siding and station capacities of Banspani Station; and

(b) amount spent so far thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) The following traffic facilities have been provided at Banspani:—

- (i) a yard of five lines.
- (ii) a goods siding 600 feet long.
- (iii) an ore loading public siding.

and (iv) an Assisted-cum-private siding for TISCO for ore loading.

(b) Expenditure incurred in expanding the sidings and facilities at Bans-

pani, including station building and platform etc., is Rs. 13.21 lakhs.

**Floods in Amarpur**

**3114. Shri Bangshi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to flood havoc in "Chelagang" in Amarpur, many refugees families and tribal families have become homeless and also paddy crops over about 384 acres of land have been destroyed; and

(b) if so, what are the relief measures that have been adopted so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnaappa):** (a) No tribal or refugee family has been rendered homeless. Paddy crop in about 155 acres has been damaged.

(b) No immediate relief was considered necessary. An enquiry into the exact value and extent of damage is however in progress.

**Water Supply for Dhond (Maharashtra)**

**3115. { Shri G. K. Jedhe:  
Shri Pangarkar:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Municipality of Dhond in Maharashtra State for drinking water supply in the Town; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) and (b). No such proposal has been received by the Government of India from the Dhond Municipality. The Public Health Engineering Department of Maharashtra Government have prepared a preliminary estimate for Rs. 8.16 lakhs for a water supply scheme for Dhond but the Dhond Municipality have not accepted it on the ground that the scheme is not financially within their reach.