

AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Government have renewed the request to include the bridge over the river Ganga at Patna in the Fourth Plan ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the scheme for the bridge was first mooted in 1913 and has been considered several times since then ; and

(c) if so, at what stage the scheme is at present and whether it is proposed to take it up in the near future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) The Bihar Government are concerned with the proposed bridge over Ganga at Patna as it would fall on a State road. It is already included in the State Government's Fourth Plan but they are unable to finance it from their own resources. They have therefore, been pressing for financial assistance for it and have reiterated this request recently.

(b) Yes, Sir. The proposal made in 1913 was, however, really for a railway bridge at Patna which, on expert advice, could not be accepted. Subsequently, the State Government have been pressing for the construction of a road bridge.

(c) The State Government's request is being examined.

Firing by East Pak Rifles

6925. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE :

✓ SHRI MADHU LIMAYE :

SHRI C. K. BHATTACHARYA :

SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA
VYAS :

SHRI R. BARUA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the East Pakistan Rifles opened fire on the Indian Border Security Force in the Bamungola sector in Malda District on the 22nd and 23rd March, 1969 ;

(b) if so, the number of casualties on both sides ; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three Indian police personnel sustained bullets injuries. The casualties in Pakistan side are not known.

(c) Protests have been lodged by the Sector Commander, the Inspector General, Border Security Force and the State Government with their counterparts in East Pakistan. The Border Security Force is carrying out vigorous patrolling and maintaining constant vigil in the area.

Payment of Salaries to Teachers of Aided Schools in Delhi

6926. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE :

SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN :

SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the teachers of aided Schools in Delhi have not been paid their salaries for the last three months ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teachers have threatened to plan an agitation to draw the attention of Government to their grievances ; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI