

safety aspects of the Tehri Dam Project.

(c) The High Level Committee which included top scientists and engineers in the connected fields after carefully going into the matter and after assuming the worst earthquake scenario has concluded that the Tehri Dam as proposed would be safe; and dangers arising out of seismicity have been taken note of and taken care of in the planning of the Tehri Dam Project; and that no additional consideration for reservoir induced seismicity is necessary. The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee would be duly taken into account while according investment approval to the Tehri Project.

[English]

Construction of Bridge Over Brahmaputra

9811. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government has submitted a proposal to construct a bridge over river Brahmaputra near Dibrugarh in upper Assam;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon by Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey was carried out in 1984 for a rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra at Bogibi near Dibrugarh. The cost of the bridge has been estimated at Rs. 317 crores at the then prevailing prices.

(c) Due to constraint of resources, it is difficult to take up construction of the above bridge at present.

Lock-out in Mysore Paper Mills

9812. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:
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WARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been reduction in newsprint supply from indigenous sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been a lock-out in the Mysore paper mills;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). The requirement of newsprint in the country is being met, both by indigenous production and imports. Production of newsprint by all the newsprint mills during the year 1989-90 was 2.64 lakh tonnes, against the production of 2.76 lakh tonnes during the year 1988-89. The short-fall in production during the year 1989-90, was, among other reasons, due to the breakdown of machinery in the Mysore Paper Mills Limited, renovation of paper machines in NEPA Ltd., and load-shedding etc.

(c) There was a lock-out in the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. from 12th to 24th April, 1990.

(d) It has been reported by the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., that the management had to declare lock-out consequent upon the Workers' Association going on an illegal strike.

(e) After negotiations, the management lifted the lockout w.e.f. the 24th April, 1990.