

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, it is a fact that large arrears in respect of the cost of chemical fertilizers supplied to cultivators through co-operatives have not so far been realised in Orissa State. However, it is not a fact that further supplies are being stopped. Only credit sales have been discontinued since last year.

(b) District-wise details of the amount of arrears are not readily available. The information is being collected by the State Government.

(c) Arrears are being gradually collected and steps are being taken by the State Government for their realisation. Block officers and Regional Marketing societies have been instructed accordingly. Supply of next quota will be arranged as usual according to indents.

Panel for Under Secretaries

3191. { Shri A. Vairavan:
Shri Ram Saran:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not publishing the panel for promotion to the posts of Under Secretary/Assistant Director drawn in March, 1960 by a Departmental Promotion Committee consisting of representatives of the Railway Board and the U.P.S.C. so far;

(b) the reasons for not making promotions strictly in accordance with the said panel;

(c) the time when the said panel is expected to be published; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid such delays?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The panel has since been published, and promotions are being regulated in accordance with this panel.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

World Bank Mission for Railways

3192. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank mission of technical experts visited Mughal Sarai station and yard recently;

(b) if so, whether any improvements were proposed by them to remove the bottleneck there and what they were; and

(c) what is Government's view about the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The team has come to make a general study of the operation of Indian Railways, the progress of the Second Plan as also the content of the Third Plan of Railways. On return to Washington, they will submit their report to the World Bank.

Collapse of Bridge Near Sambalpur

3193. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 16th March, 1961 the bridge on the Sambalpur-Sonepur road, 17 miles away from Sambalpur, collapsed causing death to one male and one female labourer who were working there;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted on the accident; and

(c) whether any help is being given to the orphan children of the deceased labourers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) On 10th March 1961 the foundation trench of a culvert at mile 36/1 of Sambalpur-Sonepur road suddenly caved in causing the death of one male and one female labourer.

(b) An enquiry was conducted by the Public Works Department and Police Officers concerned. Their report