

we are trying to progress the construction as best as we can. We have sanctioned the estimates. The progress is going on. In regard to the other activities, the question may be addressed to the concerned Ministry."

Shri Daji: In view of the strategic importance of this road, may I know the nature of the difficulties that you have met with, and the steps that you have taken so that the difficulties are not repeated and the road is completed soon?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I might explain the whole position to the House. So far as this particular road is concerned, up to Jirighat it is in fairly motorable condition. From Jirighat to Imphal it is in jeepable condition, but the gradients are too unsatisfactory and there are curves and steep gradients. So, a new alignment has been chosen, and we are proceeding now with the new alignment. The construction work is going on in that new alignment.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: I would like to know how much of the construction work has been done on the new alignment and how long will it take to finish it.

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as my impression goes, works for a length of 110½ miles have been sanctioned, and they are in various stages of construction. As you know, the road cannot be completed all at once. We have taken section by section and the work is proceeding on the sections out of the total of 150 miles.

Site for Upper Sileru Project

*509. { **Shri Yallamanda Reddy:**
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the award of Shri C. M. Trivedi for locating the site for Upper Sileru Project (Power);

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a). No; Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c). The matter is still under examination.

Shri Yallamanda Reddy: May I know whether this work will be begun pending the report of Mr. Trivedi?

Shri Alagesan: The two Chief Ministers have asked Mr. Trivedi to give his opinion in the matter and we are awaiting his suggestions.

Shri Yallamanda Reddy: How long will it take to get his report?

Shri Alagesan: The two Governments, or rather, the respective Chief Engineers, have submitted their reports and the CWPC is having it under study. They have also made some suggestions, and the whole thing will be placed before Mr. Trivedi who will then give his final opinion.

Area under Sugarcane Cultivation

*510. **Shri K. N. Pande:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under cultivation for cane during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(b) whether there has been any increase in yield of cane per acre in 1961-62 as compared to 1960-61?

The Minister for Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a). Total area under sugarcane crop during 1960-61 was placed at 5,734 thousand acres. Corresponding figure for 1961-62 has not yet become available.

(b). This is not known at this stage.

Shri K. N. Pande: May I know whether any step is being taken to bring the yield in northern India on