

Third Class Passengers' Amenities Committee

*90. { Shri Keshava:
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Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Bhakt Darahan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 308 on the 28th May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the report of Third Class Passengers' Amenities Committee has been received; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The Report of the Committee is still awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

Bridge over Choti Gandaki

*91. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No 525 on the 28th May, 1957, regarding the scheme for the construction of a bridge over the river Choti Gandaki at Guthani in Guthani P S and state:

(a) whether the reply from the Government of Bihar has since been received, and

(b) the general outline of the scheme and the phases of its execution?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal is of the construction of a bridge that would link the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. After the arrangements for financing the work have been finalised, the detailed plans and estimates will be submitted by the State Government for the technical approval and financial sanction of the Government of India before taking up the work.

Iddiki Hydro-electric Scheme in Kerala

*92. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government are conducting a survey of the Iddiki Hydro-electric scheme in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what is the progress and when the preliminary survey is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Photography of reservoir and dam site surveys have been completed. Reconnaissance of dam site, tunnel alignment and Power House site was also undertaken by the Geologist. Further surveys will be undertaken after the monsoon. Gauge and discharge observations are being continued

Investigations are expected to be completed by December, 1958.

Periyar Project

*93. Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Periyar Project will have only 3 turbines of 35,000 K W each;

(b) whether it is a fact that one more turbine of similar capacity can be set up to yield extra power; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this is not being done because the Planning Commission have not set apart the extra sum required for the additional turbine?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir, in the first Stage.

(b) There is provision for the ultimate installation of a 4th generating unit of 35,000 K.W. This will not, however, yield additional energy but may be useful for 'peaking purposes' at a later date.