

सिलीगुड़ी और कटिहार के बीच रेलवे लाइन

*१३७८. श्री सरजू पाण्डे : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महानंदा नदी में बाढ़ के कारण सिलीगुड़ी और कटिहार के बीच रेलवे लाइन टूट गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस से कितनी हानि हुई ; और

(ग) इस की मरम्मत कराने में कितनी धन राशि व्यय होगी और कितना समय लगेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री लॉ. बॅ. राम-स्वामी) : (क) इस सेक्शन में लाइन कहीं टूटी नहीं थी, लेकिन चूँकि पानी खतरे की सतह से ऊपर चढ़ गया था इसलिये, हिफाजत के ब्याल से कुछ ब्लाक सेक्शनों के बीच गाड़ियों का आना-जाना बन्द कर दिया गया । पानी हटते ही गाड़ियाँ फिर चलने लगीं ।

(ख) और (ग) सवाल नहीं उठते ।

Bridge over River Jia-Bhareli

*1379. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Mafta Ahmed:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3563 on the 8th May, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the sanction for the construction of Jia-Bhareli bridge on the North Trunk Road in Assam has since been given;

(b) if so, when the construction work will be taken up; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A

statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The construction of the Jia-Bhareli bridge was originally estimated to cost Rs. 60 lakhs and the Government of India had agreed to give a grant-in-aid equal to this amount. On the basis of the detailed survey since carried out, the cost of the project is now estimated at Rs. 86.53 lakhs. The question of incidence of the excess expenditure of Rs. 26.53 lakhs was settled with the Assam Government recently and the Government of India will now bear the cost upto Rs. 77.88 lakhs, the balance being met by the State Government.

2. The estimate for the construction of guide bunds in connection with the bridge is likely to be sanctioned in a few days and the work will be taken up during the current year. The estimate for the bridge itself is under scrutiny and is expected to be sanctioned during the current year.

Failure of Rains in Bikaner Division of Rajasthan

*1381. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been complete failure of rains over a large area in Bikaner Division of the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether any report in this regard has been received from the State;

(c) whether the Rajasthan Government have sought the help of the Centre to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the nature of help sought?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The Government of Rajasthan have reported that rainfall has been deficient in Bikaner Division.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.