

**भारत-दक्षिण अमेरिका नौवहन सेवा**

\*१११. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या परि-  
बहन तथा संभार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा  
करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार द्वारा संचालित  
किसी नौवहन समवाय प्रथवा नियम ने भारत  
और दक्षिण अमेरिका के बीच एक नई नौवहन  
सेवा चालू करने की कोई योजना बनाई है;  
और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह सेवा कब तक  
चालू होगी ?

परिबहन तथा संभारंत्रालय में राज्य-  
मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) दी इंडिया  
स्टीमशिप कम्पनी लिमिटेड, कलकत्ता कलकत्ते  
और बुइन्स प्रायर्स के बीच सीधी जहाजी  
सर्विस चालू करने वाली है। यह एक प्राइवेट  
जहाजी कम्पनी है।

(ख) प्राया है कि यह इसी महीने में  
शुरू की जायेगी।

**Punctuality of Trains**

\*112 Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:  
Will the Minister of Railways be  
pleased to state:

(a) what steps, if any, have been  
taken to enforce better punctuality in  
the running of the trams,

(b) whether there has been any im-  
provement during the last two months,  
and

(c) against how many persons dis-  
ciplinary action has been taken in  
connection with unpunctual running  
of trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways  
(Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A state-  
ment is laid on the Table of the Lok  
Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure  
No. 23.]

(b) Yes, there is a general improve-  
ment during November and Decem-  
ber, 1958.

(c) 2670 persons during November  
and December, 1958.

**Bridge at Berhampore**

\*113. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:  
Will the Minister of Transport and  
Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the  
construction of a major bridge at  
Berhampore (West Bengal) near  
Khagraghat on National Highway  
No 34 has been held up due to short-  
age of steel and foreign exchange;

(b) how many other bridges remain  
to be constructed on Calcutta-Berham-  
pore and Khagraghat-Moregram  
sections of National Highway No. 34,  
their locations and when these are  
expected to be completed, and

(c) when the Khagraghat-Moregram  
section of National Highway 34 is to  
be opened for through traffic?

The Minister of State in the Minis-  
try of Transport and Communications  
(Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The lowest  
tender for the work provides for the  
use of high tensile steel not manu-  
factured in the country and stipulates  
its tensioning in two stages which is  
not considered desirable. The delay  
in dealing with the tenders was due to  
the negotiations for modifying the  
design in this respect. It is now pro-  
posed to accept the lowest tender  
involving use of high tensile steel and  
foreign exchange.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table  
of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I,  
annexure No 24.]

(c) The road has already been com-  
pleted and is expected to be thrown  
open to traffic before monsoon.

**Fishing in Paradip and Hirakud  
Reservoirs**

\*114. Shri Panigrahi: Will the  
Minister of Food and Agriculture be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether experiments have been  
made in catching fish at Paradip and  
from Hirakud reservoirs with the help