

up their proposals for any other new scheme?

**Shri Hathi:** I have not got the details of the various schemes but the State Governments have sent schemes which do include certain areas. The latest which they have sent is in December, 1958.

**Shri Rami Reddy:** May I know the overall provision for flood control schemes in the country?

**Shri Hathi:** The original total provision of Rs. 60 crores has now been reduced to Rs 49 crores

**Shri Nagi Reddy:** May I know whether there has been any proposal for the control of the Godavari floods which have been a recurring occurrence year after year?

**Shri Hathi:** It is for the State Government to prepare the flood control scheme and submit it to the Central Flood Control Board

**Shri Nagi Reddy:** My question was whether any scheme has been submitted for the Godavari river.

**Shri Hathi:** There is a scheme for forming a flood bank along the Godavari river from Yanam bridge to Tellerevu.

**Shri Jadhav:** May I know whether the allocation of funds is made for the big rivers only or for all types of perennial rivers?

**Shri Hathi:** No, they are made for all flood protection works. It does not matter whether the river is big or small; it depends upon the measures to be taken for the protection of the particular area.

**Shri Hem Barua:** The statement says that efforts are being made in consultation with the Planning Commission to find funds for 1960-61, the last year of the Second Plan period. May I know whether these efforts to find more funds would be within the

framework of the reduction proposed or they will add to the financial resources for the projects undertaken?

**Shri Hathi:** The effort is to increase it from Rs. 49 crores to something more.

**Shri Rami Reddy:** May I know the total extent of area that would be benefited under these flood protection schemes in Andhra Pradesh?

**Shri Hathi:** I would require notice.

#### Railway Line between Kakinada Port and Bastar

\*1845. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Japanese expert has made a suggestion to the Union Government to lay a Railway line between Kakinada Port and the Iron ore areas in Bastar; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have taken any action in that direction?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** May I know whether the Japanese experts have proposed the construction of a new railway line between Bastar and Visakhapatnam port?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** No

श्री इ० मधुसूदन राव मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन जापानी विशेषज्ञों ने जो सलाह दी है, उस पर हमारी सरकार क्या आज तक मोच ही नहीं पाई है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राव)  
उन लोगों ने सलाह दी ही नहीं ।

#### Lighthouses

\*1846. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the

number of local Lighthouses not yet taken over by the Department of Lighthouses and Lightships?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Nearly 140 local lighthouses are yet to be taken over

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know the reason why they have not been taken over?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We require an immense amount for that purpose, also, we require a phased programme for taking over these lighthouses, particularly, because, under the Constitution the States are responsible for the maintenance of the ports and we cannot take out anything from the port fund. And the question has to be settled as to how the maintenance of all these lighthouses should be ultimately financed.

**Mokameh Bridge**

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\*1847 { Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Aniradh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rail-cum-road bridge on the Ganges near Mokameh has been fully examined and tested for all types of traffic thereon;

(b) if so, when the rail part and road part would be opened and when the regular traffic would start to pass over it;

(c) whether the question of co-ordinating passengers and goods traffic between the Eastern and North Eastern Railways has been considered; and

(d) if so, the nature of decisions taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Before throwing open the bridge to all kinds of rail traffic on and from 1st May, 1950, necessary tests as required under the rules will be carried

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out. Road traffic will use the bridge only when the road approaches are completed.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Suitable arrangements will be made for co-ordinating passenger train services between Eastern and North-Eastern Railways, by diverting trains and introducing through service carriages for the convenience of long distance passengers. Shuttle trains will also be introduced as required.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether after the opening of this bridge, through trains from Barauni to Calcutta and Barauni to Delhi will be introduced?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Yes, there are various schemes. I think they will be introduced. I have got a long list of the alterations or reorientation of service for both metre gauge and broad gauge. If my hon friend is interested, I can furnish him the information.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether this bridge is going to be named after some person, or what special name will be given to this bridge?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): People have already started calling it as the Rajendra bridge.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the transshipment of coal and other commodities will be done at Mokameh or Barauni?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: At Garhara.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The Deputy Minister has stated in his reply that all necessary tests will be carried out before throwing open the bridge on 1st May. There are only fifteen days to go. May I know whether these tests have not been carried out so far?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The first goods train has already been run on 23rd February, and it is being constantly under test.