

Gandak Project

*264. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the progress of the Gandak Project till the 31st October, 1961?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 52].

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं मन्त्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि गंडक बैराज प्रोजेक्ट के निर्माण की कोई एक निश्चित डेट बनी है कि नहीं ? किसानों को कब तक पानी दिया जायगा इसकी कोई टारगेट डेट रक्खी है कि नहीं ?

श्री हाथी : गंडक बैराज प्रोजेक्ट का कंस्ट्रक्शन प्रोग्राम ८ साल का था ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार के पास यह खबर आई है कि दोन कॅनाल के पास के रहने वाले लोग जो कि घांगड़, और थारू हैं वह चाहते हैं कि बैराज की ऊंचाई एक दो फिट बढ़ जाय ताकि उनकी जमीनों की सिंचाई ठीक से हो सके ?

श्री हाथी : ऐसी कोई खबर नहीं आई है ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इसके लिये सोचेगी कि बैराज की हाइट एक, दो फिट बढ़ा दी जाय ताकि उन गरीबों का भी फायदा हो सके ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a suggestion for action.

Shri K. N. Pande: May I know whether due to a change in the course of this river Gandak, a large area in the Gorakhpur district was affected by the recent floods and a great ruin was caused there and if so, is the Government taking any action to take a bund at the place where this canal is starting?

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Shri Hathi: That is with regard to another river perhaps which is not actually a part of this project. But, it is expected that because of this barrage and the embankment this area may be saved. I will have to require notice as to what that particular scheme is.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a press report that there has been some trouble regarding the agreement with Nepal on this problem because of change of complexion of the Government there?

Shri Hathi: I do not think so.

Bogie Derailment near Broach

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Shrimati Maftida Ahmed:
*268. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri M. B. Thakore:
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two passengers were killed and nine others injured when one third class bogie of 16-Up Saurashtra Mail derailed near Broach on the Western Railway on the 4th October, 1961;

(b) if so, the circumstances leading to the accident;

(c) whether any inquiry has been held into the matter; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Two persons were killed and 8 injured.

(b) to (d). The case has been enquired into by the Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety and the cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I am only requesting whether Question No. 284 about the Compensation to the family of the late Shri K. Rama Rao could be taken after this.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That would be difficult for me. I am sorry. I will go according to the list.

Shrimati Mafida Ahmed: In view of the series of accidents in recent months, may I know whether the recommendations of the Railway Enquiry Committee of 1954 were effectively implemented?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question has been put. The answer may be given.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I am sorry. Yes.

Shri Narasimhan: Cannot Question No. 293 be taken?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I have already said I will go according to the list.

Broad Gauge line from Guntakal to Hospet

*269. **Shri Agadi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the extending of the broad gauge line from Guntakal to Hospet on Southern Railway is finally decided for facilitating the iron ore traffic;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be started and completed;

(c) the total estimated cost of this line extension;

(d) if the reply to the part (a) above be in the negative, whether there is any proposal of this nature;

(e) if so, the reason for delaying the same; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the Government of Mysore are not in favour of the proposal since it is detrimental to the development of the Mysore State West Coast Ports?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The scheme is under consideration.

(b) Preliminary investigation and Engineering Survey are in progress.

Decision on the commencement of construction of this line will be taken after consideration of the survey report. It is too early to say when the work may be completed.

(c) About Rs. 630 lakhs.

(d) and (e). Do not arise, in view of replies to parts (a) and (b) of the question.

(f) No such advice has been received from the Government of Mysore.

Shri Shankaraiya: May I know whether along with this line, the Hospet Kharwar line will be taken linking with Hubli?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is much too early to say anything at this stage.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The Deputy Minister for Railways Shri S. V. Ramaswamy, during his tour in the south, has categorically stated that this line will be taken up during the Third Plan. Now, the Minister says that it is under consideration.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It will be surveyed.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: That was for election purposes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

Ex-Food and Civil Supply Staff

*270. **Shri Nath Pal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after absorption of the Ex-Food and Civil Supply Staff in Railways they did not get the higher starting salary in spite of their long and past service to the Government;

(b) whether all other Central Ministries except the Railways have granted the higher starting salary to the Ex-Food and Civil Supply Staff absorbed under them;

(c) whether there is any uniform policy in this regard in all the Central Government Departments;