

gers movement through the Assam Link in North Eastern Railway;

(b) whether the Assam Rail-Link Stabilization Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 23.]

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The Report is under consideration.

Shrimati Manjula Debi: May I know the number of wagons placed on the Assam Rail Link for carrying goods to Assam?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: If the hon. lady Member wants to know the average number of wagons moved daily, I could give it. But as far as the number of wagons placed on the Line is concerned, I require notice.

Shri Manaen: May I know if the hon. Railway Minister is aware that at Manihari and Sakrigalli Ghat on the Assam Rail Link, the conditions prevailing make the journey by that route almost a nightmare? If so, are measures taken to improve those conditions there?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): Whenever there is a change from one railway to another, or there is a river to be crossed, there is inconvenience. As the hon. Member is aware, the Mokamah Bridge is being constructed over the Ganges.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that the Assam Rail Link gets dislocated due to inundations during the monsoon, do Government propose to have an alternative railway line there, as recommended by the Committee?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Sir, the report of the Committee has been received and it is under consideration.

Shri Amjad Ali: The Railway Minister says that they are considering the report of the Committee. Is it one of the recommendations of the Committee to construct an alternative line to stabilise this link line?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes; there is such a recommendation.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know within what time the final decision will be taken in view of the fact that the monsoons are coming and there will be dislocation again?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As I said in the course of the Budget discussions in the House, they have an experienced officer exclusively in charge of the place for the monsoons and the question of stabilization will be taken up immediately after the monsoons.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether Government propose to speed up the works because of the fact that the State suffers, on account of the disadvantages of the railways, in the costs of goods etc. During all these 19 years the prices of foodgrains and other articles are the highest possible there.

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I think Assam is not a deficit area. As I said we are going to take up the question of stabilization of the railway line there immediately after the monsoons.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it will be speeded up?

Shrimati Manjula Debi: May I know when this alternative line is proposed to be established?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: It is too early to indicate when it will be taken up and completed.

गोरखपुर में पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे का मुख्य कार्यालय

*४६१. { श्री सिंहासन सिंह :
श्री महादेव प्रसाद :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गोरखपुर में जहाँ पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे का मुख्य कार्यालय है, जनरल मैनेजर

के कार्यालय के लिये एक नया वातानुकूलित भवन बनाया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो नया भवन बनाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) उस भवन की लागत क्या है, और वह कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :

(क) से (ग). शुरु में एक आंशिक वातानुकूलित इमारत बनाने की मंजूरी दी गयी थी जिसकी अनुमानित लागत ४७,१५,२१५ रुपये थी। अब यह फैसला किया गया है कि नयी इमारत का आकार बहुत छोटा कर दिया जाय। नयी इमारत इन कारणों से बनायी जा रही है :—

(i) मौजूदा दफ्तर छोटी रेलवे के लिए काफी था। लेकिन यह उस बड़ी रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय के लिए काफी नहीं है, जो अब बनाया गया है।

(ii) इस समय दफ्तर कई जगहों में बिखरे हुए हैं, जिससे काम में देरी और कठिनाई होती है।

श्री सिंहाण मिह्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि अब इस बिल्डिंग पर कितना रुपया खर्च किया जाएगा ? The cost of the building is going to be reduced. May I know what the reduced cost will be?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) :

अभी इसका कोई अंदाजा देना मुश्किल होगा। जैसा मैंने उस दिन कहा कि जब मैंने देखा कि उस बिल्डिंग की आधारशिला रखी जा चुकी है तो मैंने खुद ही कहा कि इसको रोक दो। अब जो छोटी बिल्डिंग वहाँ बनेगी उस पर कितने लाख रुपया खर्च होगा इसका अंदाजा मैं इस वक्त नहीं दे सकता हूँ।

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: May I know whether it is not a fact that when they removed the office from Calcutta to Gorakhpur an assurance was given that no new building will be necessary at Gorakhpur for accommodating the staff?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I do not remember that an assurance was given. But the Railways are expanding and when the number of the staff increases, we require more buildings.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the hon. Minister keep up the assurance that was given by the late Shri Gopalaswamy Ayyangar?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As I have said, even if the assurance were given, the hon. Member should not forget the realities. The Railways are expanding and when the number of the staff increases, we require additional accommodation for officer and the staff.

प्रकवरपुर-फैजाबाद रेलवे लाइन

*४६२. श्री पटना साल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रकवरपुर-फैजाबाद रेलवे लाइन बनाने का काम कब आरम्भ किया जायेगा; और

(ख) यह काम कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :
(क) प्रकवरपुर और फैजाबाद के बीच रेलवे लाइन पहले से मौजूद है।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता

12 hrs.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : प्रकवरपुर और फैजाबाद के बीच तो पहले से ही रेलवे लाइन है। यह सवाल प्रकवरपुर और टांडा के बीच के लिये रेलवे लाइन के बारे में था। यह...