

(d) what was the scheduled time allowed for the construction of this bridge and whether the work will be completed within the scheduled time; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) This is a joint work carried out by the Railway Administration and the Road Authorities. As far as the Railway portion of the work is concerned, there are 3 phases:

- (1) Portion of bridge over main line between Delhi Main and New Delhi Railway Station.
- (2) Portion of bridge over metre gauge track.
- (3) Portion of bridge over Okhla Canal refuse siding (sullage siding).

The work on items (1) & (2) has been completed. For item 3, masonry portion of the work has been completed and the girders erected; further work is in progress.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The work is scheduled to be completed by 31-7-57 and is expected to be completed by that date

(e) Does not arise.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, Sir, what is the cost which is expected to be incurred on this bridge and how that cost will be divided between the agencies who are to bear it, and which are they?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: I am sorry I have not that information with me here.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether, in view of the increasing traffic, Government have taken into consideration that the bridge should be sufficient to meet it, and whether it has undergone some change from the original plan?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We are making full allowances for the amount of traffic that will have to be dealt with. The Central P.W.D. and the Delhi State authorities are taking

steps to acquire land for widening the roads.

Ammonium Sulphate

*700. Shri Ball Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the enhancement of price of sulphate of ammonia; and

(b) the policy of Government in regard to subsidising the price of sulphate of ammonia?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The enhancement is mainly due to:—

(i) increase in the general tariff rate of ocean freight;

(ii) extra ocean freight on account of diversion of shipments *via* the cape due to the closure of Suez Canal; and

(iii) increase in the procurement price of indigenous production

(b) The policy is not to subsidise the price of sulphates of ammonia.

Shri Ball Reddy: Now that Suez is open to traffic, is there any likelihood of prices coming down in the near future?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: When the prices do actually come down we shall try and do our best.

Shri C. D. Pande: Is it the policy of Government to link up prices with foreign material when we can produce the same thing in this country at a cheaper rate on the plea that things are costlier abroad and not to reduce the prices when things are cheaper abroad, maintaining the prices on the high level, on the ground that we cannot produce it at a lower price?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This question may very well be addressed to the Minister for Industries.