

की तथा इस का बिहार की भूमि पर कोई विपरीत प्रभाव नहीं पडा ?

सिन्धु और विद्युत नदी (ओ स० का० पाटिल) (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित जानकारी का विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है ।  
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#### Harnessing of Assam Rivers

\*714. Shri Liladhar Kataki: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to harness the rivers of Assam, which have irrigation and power generating potentialities,

(b) if so the steps taken so far, and

(c) which of these rivers Government propose to harness and the progress, if any, so far made?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S K Patil): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) (i) Preliminary investigations on Dihing, Barak and Kopilli rivers have been completed. Detailed investigations at a Dam site selected on Kopilli are in progress. In addition, preliminary investigations on Borpam and Killing tributaries of the Kopilli are in progress and those on Tirap, Namphuk and Namchuk tributaries of the Burhi Dihang and Subansiri will be started shortly. Besides collection of hydrological and other allied data in the Brahmaputra basin is also under progress.

(ii) Studies about the possibilities of power development on different rivers in Assam based on topographical maps are under way and are expected to be completed shortly.

(c) Decision in these cases can be taken only after the investigations and studies are completed.

#### Petrol Tank Wagons

\*715. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the total number of tank wagons for the transportation of petrol, in India,

(b) whether any representation has been received from oil dealers for more tank wagons, and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The total number of petrol tank wagons in service on 20-5-1957, is

Broad gauge	1,699
Metre gauge	1,060
Total	<u>2,759</u>

(b) No

(c) Does not arise

#### Food situation in Tripura

\*716. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that at present Tripura is facing a great food shortage, and a large number of people are facing starvation,

(b) whether it is a fact that rice is rarely available in the rural areas even at the payment of high price e.g. Rs 30 to Rs 40 per maund, and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken so far to meet the demand of the people of Tripura?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). In order to meet the shortage of rice in Tripura, the Government of India have arranged to despatch 20,000 tons of rice from outside. This rice is now being distributed through about 90 fair price shops at the rate of Rs 18