

the Central Government visited West Bengal some time back;

(b) whether the Committee will investigate the causes of the floods in the Mayurakshi basin in September 1956;

(c) whether the Committee has obtained a copy of the Report of the Expert Committee appointed by the West Bengal Government to enquire into the causes of the said floods for their consideration; and

(d) whether the attention of the Ministry has been drawn to the special features of these floods and whether steps have been taken to obtain the findings and recommendations of the High Level Flood Investigation Committee in this regard at an early date?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (d). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix IV annexure No. 32.]

Inland Water Transport in Andhra

*1438. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken so far for the development of inland water transport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the network of canals linking up the various rivers in the State; and

(c) the amount set apart for this purpose in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The Government of India sanctioned a grant to the Andhra Pradesh Government for technical investigations relating to the development of the Buckingham Canal. The estimates submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government after the investigations are at present under examination by

the high-level Committee on Inland Water Transport set up under the chairmanship of Shri B. K. Gokhale. This Committee is also studying the position regarding other waterways in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The existing canals linking the rivers in Andhra Pradesh are the following:—

The Kakinada Canal	..	32 miles.
The Godavari Canal	..	46 miles.
The Ellore Canal	..	40 miles.
The Krishna Western Delta Main Canal	..	12 miles.
The Commamur Canal	..	58 miles.
The Buckingham Canal (up to Madras boundary)		160 miles.

(c) A lump sum provision of Rs. 115 lakhs has been included in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of the Buckingham Canal. This covers the entire length of the canal in Andhra Pradesh and 36 miles in Madras State.

लम्बा सफर करने वाले यात्रियों के लिये सुविधाएँ

*१४३६. { श्री सुबोध हासबा :
श्री राम शंकर लाल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि लम्बा सफर करने वाले यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिये उन्हे रेल गाड़ियों के डिब्बों में झलम बैठाने की जो नई योजना है उसका व्योरा क्या है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : एक बयान मन्ना-पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [रेल्वे परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या ३३]

Road Bridges on National Highway No. 5

*1440. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 559 on the 31st May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any estimates have been prepared for the bridges on Na-