

(c) whether Government have hired a dredger to work in Kandla Port; and

(d) if so, what is the rent of that dredger?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (c) No. Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

रेलगाड़ी का पटरी से उतर जाना

*१५५०. श्री मोहन स्वामी: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ११ अगस्त १९५७ को पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के शाजहापुर पीलीभीत सेक्शन पर बीसलपुर के शेरगज के स्टेशनों के बीच एक रेल दुर्घटना हो गई ?

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस दुर्घटना का मुख्य कारण था यह कि वहां के स्लीपर और गडर बहुत पुराने हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिये स्लीपरों तथा बाइंडरो के बारे में सुरक्षात्मक तरीके अपनाने के लिये सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ।

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) जी हां, दुर्घटना १०-८-५७ को हुई, न कि ११-८-५७ का जैसा कि सवाल में कहा गया है ।

(ख) वजह को जांच की जा रही है ।

(ग) ऊपर भाग (ख) के जवाब में जो कहा गया है उसे देखते हुये सवाल नहीं ऊठता ।

West Coast Road

*1551. Shri Achar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Coast Road passing through the South Canara

District will pass through Ullal and Manjeshwar and Kumbla, or through Penemangalore and Vittal;

(b) if it passes through Ullal--Manjeshwar, the progress made regarding the construction of the bridges at Ullal and other places on this portion of the road; and

(c) the time by which the bridges are expected to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The new alignment of the portion of the West Coast Road in South Canara District which was approved in July 1957 passes through Ullal Manjeshwar & Kumbla. No bridge work between Ullal and Manjeshwar has so far been sanctioned.

(c) During the early part of the third Five-Year Plan period.

Training of Indian Physicists in Hospital Physics

*1552. { Shri Hem Barua;
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been discussed recently when he met Dr. I. S. Eve, Medical Officer in charge of health problems relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, at the World Health Organisation Geneva, regarding training of Indian Medical personnel in Hospital Physics involving the use of radio isotopes; and

(b) if so, the result of the discussion?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) It is hoped that the World Health Organisation will provide:—

(i) Fellowships for training of Indian Medical personnel in (i) hospital physics, (ii) clinical uses of radio isotopes, and (iii) radiation protection.

(2) One short-term consultant in hospital physics in 1957; and

(3) assistance for starting a course of training in health physics for Indian Doctors sometime in 1958.

Assam Railway Link

*1553. **Shri Liladhar Koteki:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what action Government propose to take on the recommendation of the Assam Rail Link Stabilisation Committee?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The Report of the Assam Rail Link Stabilisation Committee has since been examined by the Government and for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee, the Board have appointed an Engineer-in-Chief with special staff, specially for the stabilisation of the existing route, as well as to carry out a preliminary engineering survey of a new line from a suitable point on the Mal-Domohani branch to Alipurduar via Maynaguri Falakata etc., with special emphasis on the Jaldhaka and Torsa crossings. He will also work out financial implications of the said project.

Aerodromes at Porbander and Keshod

*1554. **Shri Nathavani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct all-weather runways for aerodromes at Porbander and Keshod; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or which are being taken to implement it?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). It is proposed to carry out the necessary repairs to the existing runways and estimates are under preparation.

Sone River Barrage

*1555. **Shri Kamal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 512 on the 28th May, 1957 regarding Sone River Barrage and state:

(a) whether the project has since been examined by the Union Government;

(b) whether any modifications have been made;

(c) if so, the Chief features of the project together with the revised estimate; and

(d) whether the State Government concerned have suggested target date for starting the work?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir. It is still under examination.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

श्रीगंगानगर की टूंक टेलीफोन लाइन

*१५५६ { श्री प० ला० बाबुपाल :
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि श्रीगंगानगर की टूंक टेलीफोन लाइन हमेशा बिगड़ी रहती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) और (ख). इस संबंध में सभा-घटल पर एक विवरण-पत्र रफसा गया है ।

[See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 80]