

Flag Stations

*820. Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether flag stations between Dehri-on-Sone and Barwadih in Bihar have been closed; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is widespread discontentment due to closure of the flag stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Four halt stations, viz., Sigsigi, Kosiara, Nawadih and Village Champur were closed on the Dehri-on-Sone-Barwadih section with effect from 1-4-1954

Village Champur halt, however, has been re-opened with effect from 1-4-1957.

(b) Some representations for the re-opening of the other three halts also have been received and the matter is under examination

Wheat Supply to Bihar

*821. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state-

(a) whether the quantity of wheat which the Food Minister had agreed to supply to the State of Bihar in April, 1957 has been supplied;

(b) whether there has been fresh demand for the supply of foodgrains, specially wheat, in the wake of creations of food zones in the country; and

(c) if so, the quantity asked for and supplied*

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c) In April it was agreed to supply 60,000 tons of wheat to Bihar during the three months, May, June and July for current consumption and another 15,000 tons for reserve stocks. Actually during these three months 86 thousand tons of wheat was despatched to Bihar Government and another 15,000 tons to the Central Reserve depots in Bihar.

After the formation of the wheat zones the Bihar Government have intimated that they would need much larger quantity of wheat to meet the requirements of the State. The Government of India have agreed to meet their demand in full

नर्मदा नदी के ऊपर सड़क के पुल

*822. श्री छावीशाला : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के नेमाड़ जिले में नर्मदा नदी के ऊपर भारत सरकार कितने और किन किन जगहों पर पुल बनवा रही है;

(ख) क्या नर्मदा नदी के ऊपर राजघाट पुल का निर्माण कार्य प्रारम्भ हो गया है;

(ग) क्या बड़वाह के निकट भी एक सड़क का पुल बनवाया जा रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हा, तो निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा होगा?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज गृहादुर) : (क) से (घ). नेमाड़ जिले में साडवा-इन्दौर सड़क पर नर्मदा नदी के ऊपर सिर्फ एक पुल बनाया जा रहा है। यह मौरतकका पास के है। घोषणा है कि यह पुल 1957 के अन्त तक बनकर तैयार हो जायेगा।

नर्मदा नदी के ऊपर राजघाट पुल का बनाना अभी शुरू नहीं किया गया है। कार्य शुरू हो जाने पर उसके पूरे होने में लगभग 3 साल लगेंगे।

बड़वाह के निकट कोई पुल नहीं बनाया जा रहा है।

Double Track on Southern Railway

*824. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of miles of double track on the Southern Railway