

appointed to this post in view of his great experience and thorough knowledge of all aspects of the question relating to the planning and setting up of the All India Medical Institute which he had acquired in his various capacities as (1) Director General of Health Services (2) Member-Secretary of All India Medical Institute Committee, (3) Secretary of the Health Survey & Development Committee, (4) Member of the Up-grad-ing Committee for certain existing Medical Institutions in India (5) Member of the All India Council of Post-graduate Medical Education.

#### KRISHNA RIVER BRIDGES

\*175. **Shri Heda:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how many bridges have been constructed over the river Krishna on National Highways?

(b) Do Government propose to construct a bridge over Krishna near Kurnool, the new capital of Andhra, with a view to join it with the territory of Hyderabad State?

(c) What is the alternate route at present available and how many miles more one has to travel between Kurnool and Hyderabad?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):**

(a) One on National Highway No. 4 (Bombay-Bangalore-Madras Road) and another at Deosugar on National Highway No. 7 (Banaras-Cape Comorin Road).

(b) Originally the Anantapur-Yadcherla section of the Banaras-Cape Comorin National Highway was aligned via Kurnool but subsequently it was tentatively decided to take the National Highway through Madhavaram and Raichur. The alignment will be finalised after the views of the Government of Andhra are known. The question of constructing a bridge over the Krishna near Kurnool will arise only if it is finally decided to take the National Highway via Kurnool. Along the

Kurnool alignment a bridge is required not only over the Krishna but also over the Tungabhadra.

(c) There is no convenient alternative route which is not too circuitous.

#### CLASS IV RAILWAY STAFF

\*177. **Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the present procedure for recruitment of class IV staff in various departments of the Railways?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Recruitment to Railway Services, Class IV, is made by the local Departmental District Officers. All vacancies other than vacancies of short duration in this class are notified by the Railway Administrations to the linked Employment Exchanges whose nominees are considered for appointment along with those applying direct from the open market.

#### WAGON SUPPLY AT AGRA

\*178. **Seth Achal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what steps are being taken to ease the restrictions which still continue on the supply of wagons at the Agra stations for sending out goods?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** There are now no restrictions which hamper movements of traffic offering from stations in the Agra Area.

#### AERODROME AT KURNOL

\*182. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by the Andhra Government for an aerodrome at Kurnool; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri E.S.J. Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has been advised to make surveys of possible sites. A decision about constructing aerodrome for Kurnool will depend largely on the location, of the permanent Capital of Andhra.

#### राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर पुल

\*१८७. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) १९५१ से अब तक भिन्न भिन्न राज्यों में राजमार्गों पर केन्द्र द्वारा कितने नदी पुलों का निर्माण हुआ है ।

(ख) विन्ध्य प्रदेश में केन नदी पर पुल बनाने के लिये कितनी राशि निश्चित की गई है;

(ग) यह पुल बनाने में अत्याधिक समय लगने के क्या कारण हैं; तथा

(घ) यह पुल अब कितने समय में पूरा हो जायेगा ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):  
(a) Twenty two.

(b) Rs. 13 lakhs roughly, for a bridge over the River Kane on the Satna-Nowgong Road in Vindhya Pradesh.

(c) Difficulty in procuring boring machinery for boring in hard rock in foundations and suspension of work for a considerable period due to monsoons and heavy floods.

(d) It is expected to be completed about the middle of 1955.

#### CALCUTTA PORT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

\*190. Shri Tushar Chatterjee: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Port Commissioners of Calcutta have introduced certain new Service Rules for the employees;

(b) if so, whether these Rules have got the approval of the Government of India; and

(c) whether the Government of India have received any representation from the recognised Trade Union of the Port Commissioners with regard to the said Service Rules?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):  
(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

#### FOOD POSITION IN TRIPURA

\*192. Shri Biren Dutt: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable damage has been done to food crops in Tripura on account of late rains; and

(b) if so, what protective measures against food shortage have been contemplated by Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The approximate value of the crop damaged due to late rains, is Rs. 4,00,000.

(b) No shortage of foodgrains was experienced in the affected areas. But as a measure of relief the State Government advanced agricultural loans to the extent of Rs. 5,000 and also supplied seeds wherever necessary.

#### CASHEW NUTS

85. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of raw cashew nuts consumed by the cashew factories in India during the years 1950-51 to 1952-53;

(b) the States which produce raw cashew nuts and the quantity produced in each of them during the above period; and