

Technical Co-operation Aid Programme of the U.S.A. is also under negotiation.

**POST OFFICE FOR BUDALAPURAM**

\*1189. Shri M. D. Ramasami: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a public request for opening of a post office in Budalapuram in Tinnevely District (Madras State) has been received;

(b) if so, whether the request has been investigated; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The question of opening a Post Office at Budalapuram is still under examination and it is hoped that the Post Office would be opened during the current financial year.

**ROAD-BRIDGES OVER RIVER GODAVARI**

\*1200. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the estimates for the road-bridges on the National Highway on the two branches of the River Godavari have been completed; and

(b) if so, the date on which the work will commence and when it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Plans and estimates for the bridge over the Gautami branch are nearing completion. As regards the bridge over the Vasishta branch, field investigations for the preparation of plans and estimates are in progress.

(b) Work on the Gautami bridge is expected to commence early in 1954, while that on the Vasishta is expected to commence by the end of 1954. It will take three to four years to complete the two bridges.

**SMUGGLING OF CATTLE INTO GOA**

\*1201. Shri U. M. Trivedi: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that thousands of cattle are being smuggled into Goa from India?

(b) Have Government taken any steps in the matter and if not, why?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidiwai): (a) In 1951 the Government of Bombay reported that smuggling of cattle to Goa on a large-scale was taking place but there have been no recent reports to that effect.

(b) Measures are being taken to introduce legislation to check such smuggling.

**WAITING ROOM AT FORBESGANJ**

\*1202. Shri L. N. Mishra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of upper class waiting room at Forbesganj on the North Eastern Railway in Bihar, has been held up;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) when the said waiting room is likely to be ready for use?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahmawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The number of I and II Class passengers was not formerly sufficient to justify the provision of an upper class waiting room and therefore its construction was postponed temporarily. In view, however, of the booking of inter class passengers the construction of an upper class waiting room was permitted and it has since been completed.

(c) The waiting room has already been brought into use.

**TOURIST TRAFFIC TO HILL STATIONS**

\*1203. Shri N. M. Lingam: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the names of hill stations selected for development of tourism;