

Sardar A. S. Saigal: Will the Government lay the full facts before the House?

Mr. Spraker: The full facts? What does he mean?

Sardar A. S. Saigal: About the high-level conference.

Shri Alagesan: As I stated in my answer it was an informal conference to consider certain preliminary matters. I can assure the hon. Member that there is no difficulty about obtaining the supply of electricity.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Who will meet the transmission cost—the D.V.C. or the Railway?

Shri Alagesan: It will be the D.V.C.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I know whether the D.V.C. are already charging a differential rate to Railways as against the rate offered by them to Tatas—which is much lower than the rate offered for bulk supply of electricity to Chittaranjan and other Railway concerns?

Shri Alagesan: I should like to have notice of that question. But here we are considering the question of taking of electricity from the D.V.C. for the suburban service which we are going to electrify.

BAGAHA-CHHITANNI BRIDGE

*801. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 1072 asked on the 16th April, 1953 and state:

(a) whether the construction of the Bagaha-Chhitanni bridge beyond Narkatiagunj (North Eastern Railway) is engaging the attention of Government at present; and

(b) if so, when the bridge is likely to be taken up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is too early to say.

Shri S. N. Das: What is the estimated cost of this bridge?

Shri Alagesan: Sir, I do not have the cost of the bridge here with me at the moment. I can supply the information to the hon. Member. An estimate was prepared in 1950. It was a rough estimate. That estimate was Rs. 2 crores.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether it is the financial consideration that is delaying the matter, or is there any other thing standing in the way?

Shri Alagesan: This work has not been included in the First Five Year Plan. Of course it is on financial consideration.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: In reply to part (a) of the question the hon. Minister said "yes", that is to say, they are going to construct the bridge at Chittanni ghat. But all the parts of the bridge that were lying there, including girders etc., have been removed from there and brought to Gorakhpur.

Shri Alagesan: I do not have any information on that.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know the year in which some pillars and parts of the bridge were swept away in the flood?

Shri Alagesan: Maybe. I have no information.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*802. **Shri KeshavaIengar:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duties of Employment Exchanges and the Public Service Commissions have been co-ordinated, particularly in respect of the appointment of clerks and peons; and

(b) if so, how?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes, to the extent such co-ordination is possible at present.

(b) All Public Service Commissions (including the Railway Service Commission) have been invited to send