

six months before heaps of tickets were lying in stations between Howrah and Kharagpur?

Shri Alagesan: No such thing has come to our notice.

Shri S. C. Samanta: As it is within my personal knowledge, may I expect that Government will enquire about it?

Mr. Speaker: He gives the information from personal knowledge.

Shri Alagesan: Information perhaps was partly given even in the question. But our enquiry goes to show that there has been no such thing. But if the hon. Member wants, I can make further enquiries.

Mr. Speaker: When an hon. Member of this House says that he has personal knowledge of it he may be taken for his word that there is something to enquire.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): We will certainly enquire.

Shri S. C. Samanta: I saw them with my own eyes.

Mr. Speaker: He will make enquiries.

LIAISON OFFICERS

*2485. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to starred question No. 404 regarding Evacuee Savings Bank Accounts answered on the 25th February, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the Liaison Officers have commenced their work; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) The officers who were selected as Liaison Officers, subsequently declined the offer. Others are being selected.

TRANSPORT OF CEMENT AND COAL

*2486. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in spite

of efforts made by Railways in supplying wagons for carrying commodities for North Bihar, frequent booking restrictions for various reasons in movement of cement and coal etc., have interrupted further progress?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Movement of coal during March and April, 1954, taken together, was slightly in excess of the quota but in the case of cement, stone-chips & pea-gravels, Road and coal tar and Bitumen, the movement has been less than the quotas mainly due to the river conditions having adversely affected the ferry capacity.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार मड़-आदी स्टेशन की कोयला और सीमेंट को नार्थ बिहार के लिये सप्लाई करने की कंपे-सिटी बढ़ायेगी ?

रलबे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जी हां, हम इस मामले को देख रहे हैं और अभी हाल में बिहार के सप्लाई मंत्री, तीन, चार रोज हुये, आये थे और उनसे हमने बातचीत की है, और हम इस मामले पर विचार करेंगे ।

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि नार्थ बिहार के साथ साथ नेपाल का भी कोयला इसी रास्ते से जात है । वह भी कोयले के मामले में काफी कठिनाई में है । क्या सरकार उनको भी कोयला देने की व्यवस्था पर विचार करेगी ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : जब हम विचार करेंगे तो सभी बातों पर विचार करेंगे ।

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: In view of the chronic difficulty caused by shortage of coal and cement etc. in North Bihar, will Government consider the proposal of transshipping coal and cement from Mokama Ghat and diverting railway coal through other channels?

Shri Alagesan: That information was given already by me in the statement

that I read while replying to a motion calling attention to this matter.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: I wanted to know whether railway coal would be booked....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member has made a suggestion. I am sure they will take that into consideration.

Shri L. B. Shastri: We are already working according to that, but still there are difficulties.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ANDHRA

*2487. **Shri Raghuramaiah:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the answer given by the Minister of Planning to a supplementary question arising out of Starred Question No. 1744 asked on the 21st April, 1954 regarding Irrigation Projects in Andhra and state:

(a) whether the details referred to therein regarding the Regulator-cum-Road Bridge across the River Krishna have since been obtained;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this project and when it will be taken up; and

(c) when it is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). The project is estimated to cost Rs. 271 lakhs and its execution has already been authorised by the Andhra Government. Information as to the expected date of completion is not yet available.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know what proportion of that amount is to be borne by the Central Government and what proportion by the State Government?

Shri Alagesan: It has been calculated, and we have agreed to meet Rs. 40 lakhs out of the total expenditure.

Shri Raghavalaiah: May I know the approximate date by which this is likely to be completed?

Shri Alagesan: I am afraid the question should be directed to the Andhra Government.

RAILWAY BRIDGES

*2488. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh Government have recommended that the Railway bridges on Rivers Rapti and Rohin between Gorakhpur and Sahajanawa, be redecked and the by-pass road maintained; and

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to redeck these bridges and maintain the by-pass road?

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

(b) Does not arise.

श्री सिंहासन सिंह : प्रश्न संख्या २४८२ का उत्तर देते हुये यह कहा गया कि उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने दोहरीघाट पर नाव का पुल बनाने के लिये पत्र भेजा था। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उसी पत्र में इस रेलवे ब्रिज के सम्बन्ध में भी जिक्र किया गया था कि इसका रिडेकिंग कर दिया जाय ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है, इसका जिक्र नहीं है।

श्री सिंहासन सिंह : तो क्या यह समझा जाय कि रिडेकिंग इसलिये नहीं हो रहा है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने इस के बारे में नहीं लिखा है, और अगर वह लिखेगी तो हो जायेगा ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : होगा या नहीं यह अलग बात है। लेकिन हम विचार तभी करेंगे जब वह लिख कर भेजें।

श्री सिंहासन सिंह : क्या यह सही है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में २५ ऐसे ब्रिजेज आई के जमाने