

KOSI CONTROL SCHEME

*1865. Shri L. N. Mishra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Railway facilities are proposed to be provided for the execution of the new scheme for the control of river Kosi in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the present stage of the proposal?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether the Irrigation Ministry had suggested certain additional facilities to be given to the railway station at Forbesganj to cope with the increased traffic for the Kosi project?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): I do not follow the question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Whether the Irrigation Ministry had suggested certain facilities to the Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No suggestions were made to the Railways.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it not a fact that a proposal for constructing a railway line to the Kosi dam site has been pending before the Railway Ministry for the last three years?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Some sort of survey was carried out in 1947. But, later on, the site of the proposed dam was changed to Hanuman Nagar. Since then there is no proposal to have any railway facilities provided there.

NATIONAL TELE-COMMUNICATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*1869. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Tele-communications Research and Development Committee has been set up; and

(b) if so, its functions?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) To advise Government on matters relating to Tele-communications research and development and such technical or scientific problems which are fit for study, research or advice by a body of scientists.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know who the members of this Committee are?

Shri Datar: There were six members of this Committee. The Secretary of the Communications Ministry is the Chairman. Next is Dr. K. S. Krishnan, Dr. D. S. Kothari, Shri M. S. Thapar, Dr. S. R. Khastagir, Shri Swami Saran, Chief Engineer, Posts and Telegraphs, Adviser, Wireless Planning and Co-ordination and Shri H. N. Srivastava, Secretary.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if this Committee has held any meeting so far?

Shri Datar: They had one meeting last year and they are meeting in June or July this year again.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what were the recommendations affecting the better working of the system?

Shri Datar: The first meeting was of a preliminary nature and all the advice that they have given has already been accepted by Government and is being acted upon.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know in what way the advice or recommendations given by this Committee have led to better results?

Shri Datar: The advice is of a technical nature and attempts are made to give effect to the advice by the various technical departments of this Ministry to the fullest extent possible.

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