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LOK SABHA

Wednesday, 22nd September, 1954

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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ANDHERI-BORIVLI RAILWAY LINE

\*1206. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when the work of electrification of the Andheri-Borivli through line on the Western Railway will be taken in hand?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** The work will be taken in hand soon after the monsoons.

LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES

\*1209. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to advance loans to certain local bodies in the States for enabling them to meet their share of the cost of construction of over-bridges and under-bridges to replace Railway level-crossings; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount to be given during 1954-55?

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

(b) An amount of Rs. 50 lakhs has been earmarked in the provision made in the Five Year Plan for the grant of such loans during 1954-55 and 1955-56. The amount to be given as loans

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during the current year cannot be estimated at present as proposals for the grant of loans are still awaited from a number of State Governments.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the amount which is proposed to be given to the local bodies will also be given to the district boards, because most of the over-bridges and under-bridges are going to be constructed in the rural areas?

**Shri Alagesan:** That is so. The cost of these bridges will have to be borne by the local bodies. Instead of making a loan direct to the local bodies, we advance the loan to the State Government, who in turn will advance the loan to the local bodies.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know on what basis these loans are going to be advanced, whether the cost of construction of the bridges is taken into account, or the loans are going to be advanced only on an *ad hoc* basis?

**Shri Alagesan:** No, the share of the cost of these bridges will be taken into consideration before advancing these loans.

CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE, BOMBAY

\*1210. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what are the main items of research carried on in the Cancer Research Centre at Bombay?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 1.]

**Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** May I know whether any new method of