

CALCUTTA SUBURBAN RAIL SERVICE

*1218. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the electric trains and other equipment ordered abroad for use in the Calcutta Suburban lines are expected to be received;

(b) by what time the other preliminary works in connection with the said line are expected to commence; and

(c) when the construction of the ex-B.N.R. Suburban line upto Kharagpur is expected to be taken up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No orders have been placed as yet. Only global quotations have, so far, been invited and offers are to be received during November and December, 1954. No accurate information about receipt of equipment can, therefore, be given at present. Some minor preliminary works have already been started.

(c) No date has been settled for this.

RELIEF TO AGRICULTURISTS

*1221. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any relief by way of reduction of rent or cancellation of debts has been given to the agriculturists of Tripura during 1950-53; and

(b) if so, the nature of the relief given?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). Relief has been given by grant of agricultural loans.

चाम्पा-कौरबा रेलवे लाइन

*१२२२. श्री जांगड़े : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्वी रेलवे की प्रस्तावित चाम्पा-कौरबा लाइन के निर्माण में क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) अब तक उस पर कितना खर्च हुआ है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे अधिकारियों द्वारा रखी गयी शर्तों पर ही काम करने के लिये स्थानीय मजदूरों के तैयार रहने पर भी बाहर के मजदूरों और कर्मचारियों को भरती किया जा रहा है?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) About 33 per cent.

(b) A sum of about Rs. 22 lakhs had been spent on this work upto the end of July, 1954.

(c) No, Sir.

CIRCLE SERVICE TELEGRAPHISTS

*1227. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation of the Circle Service Telegraphists regarding denial to them of the Adjudications Award for fixation of pay is under consideration of Government for nearly three years; and

(b) if so, when a decision is expected?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, because the decision in the matter can be taken only in consultations with the Ministries of Finance and Home Affairs, in so far as it requires a very close examination of the terms and conditions of service of the various cadres and the duties and responsibilities assigned to them from time to time.

(b) Before the end of the current year.

BRIDGE OVER GODAVARI

*1231. **Shri Raghuramiah:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct a road bridge over the River Godavari in the Andhra State;