

UNNAO-MADHOGANJ RAILWAY LINE

[*377. Shri V. D. Tripathi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on Unnao-Madhoganj-Balamau Railway line has been taken in hand or not;

(b) if the construction work has already been started, how far it has progressed;

(c) if not, when it is likely to be started; and

(d) how much time would it take to complete the said construction and by what time it is expected to be completed?]

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary works, such as collection of permanent way material and arrangements for supply of girders, are in hand.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The restoration is expected to be completed during 1954.

इंदौर - उज्जैन रेलवे लाइन

*३७८. श्री एन० एल० जोशी : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या इंदौर से उज्जैन तक एक बड़ी (ब्रॉड गेज) लाइन बिछाने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

INDORE-UJJAIN RAILWAY LINE

[*378. Shri N. L. Joshi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any scheme for constructing a broad gauge line from Indore to Ujjain is under the consideration of Government?]

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): Yes.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER RIVER BONUM

*379. Dr. Natabar Pandey: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether on account of the weakness of the railway bridge over river Bonum between Jharsuguda and Lapanga Stations (Jharsuguda Sambalpur) branch line in the Bengal Nagour

Railway the train is forced to stop at both ends of the bridge since the year 1931; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the reasons for not repairing the railway bridge?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) It is correct, that a 'dead stop' and '3 miles per hour' speed restrictions have been in force on the Bonum bridge for some years.

(b) The traffic on the branch, in which this bridge is situated, is very light and the restrictions referred to in (a) have not unduly interfered with the traffic. However, strengthening of this bridge, along with certain other bridges on this branch, has been decided upon and is expected to be completed within the next two years.

कम्पोस्ट-खाद-योजना

*३८०. डा० सधवादी : क्या खाद तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि कम्पोस्ट-खाद-योजना के सम्बन्ध में १९५०-५१ और १९५१-५२ वर्षों में भारत सरकार ने पंजाब सरकार को क्या सहायता दी है, और इसे किस प्रकार काम में लाया गया है ?

COMPOST MANURE SCHEME

[*380. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what aid the Government of India extended to the Punjab Government during the years 1950-51 and 1951-52 in connection with the Compost Manure Scheme and how has it been utilized?]

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The Government of India sanctioned the following grants and loan to the Punjab Government for the development of compost production during the years 1950-51 and 1951-52.

Year	Grant	Loan
	Rs.	Rs.
1950-51	26,000	4,00,000
1951-52	14,000	Nil

The loan was given to enable the State Government to help Municipalities to purchase trucks for the transport of refuse materials to trenching grounds and to distribute compost manure to the cultivators. The grant was given to enable State Government to subsidise excavation of trenches and to meet losses in transport.

The quantity of compost manure produced and distributed in the Punjab State during 1950-51 and 1951-52 is as follows:

Year	Production	Distribution
	Tons.	Tons
1950-51	22,02,306	12,10,740
1951-52	16,21,152	12,06,083

दिल्ली की नगरपालिकाओं का एकीकरण

*३८१. श्री ऐन० प्रभाकर :

(क) क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार दिल्ली में वर्तमान नगरपालिकाओं को मिला कर एक नगर निगम बनाने का विचार कर रही है, और

(ख) यदि विचार कर रही है, तो क्या उसके लिये कोई विधेयक तैयार किया जा रहा है और यह कब तक सदन के सामने आ सकेगा ?

AMALGAMATION OF MUNICIPAL BODIES IN DELHI

[*381. Shri N. Prabhakar: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government contemplate forming a city corporation by the amalgamation of the existing municipal bodies in Delhi?

(b) If so, is any Bill being drafted for the purpose and when is it expected to come before the House?]

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (b). A Bill had been prepared but owing to changed circumstances in Delhi the question is now under consideration in consultation with the Delhi State Government.

BUTTER

52. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of butter imported into India; and

(b) the quantity of butter exported from India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Imports of butter by sea since 1948-49 have been as follows:

1948-49	252 tons
1949-50	638 "
1950-51	573 "
1951-52	897 "

(for 11 months April 1951 to Feb. 1952.)

(b) Since 1948-49 there have not been any exports of butter by sea from India.

Information on imports and exports of butter by land is not yet available.

RESERVE STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

53. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the quantity of reserve foodgrains at the disposal of the Government of India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Total quantity of foodgrains held in various Central Reserve Depots on 23-5-52 was 2,73,000 tons. This is in addition to about 30 lakh tons held by the State Governments.

NADIAR-KAPADVANJ RAILWAY LINE

54. Shri Dabhi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to convert the narrow gauge Nadiar Kapadvanj Railway line of the Western Railway into a broad gauge Railway line and if so, when?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): There is no such proposal at present.

DARWHA-PUSAIL METRE GAUGE LINE

55. Shri G. R. Khedkar: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state if it is a fact that Darwha-Pusail metre-gauge line removed in war time,