

## RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

\*837. **Shri. B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway accidents in North East Railway in 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) the number of deaths and persons injured; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) 4 serious accidents to trains carrying passengers in 1950-51 and 6 in 1951-52.

(b) 36 deaths and 170 injuries in 1950-51 and 26 deaths and 94 injuries in 1951-52.

(c) Rs. 14,904/- in 1950-51 and Rs. 64,877 in 1951-52.

## RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER GANDEK

\*838. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the construction of a Railway bridge over Gandek somewhere near Chhitauni Ghat Railway Station in U.P. and Bagaha Station in Bihar in North East Railway;

(b) if so, whether at the same place where the old bridge was; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in its construction?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) Yes.

(b) The site of the new bridge has not been decided as yet.

(c) The proposal for constructing a new bridge is pending improvement in the ways and means position of the Government.

## CHHOTA-UDEPUR RAILWAY LINE

\*839. **Shri M. M. Gandhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal in the past to link Baroda State with Chhota-Udepur to Indore and Ratlam thus connecting Baroda, Madhya Bharat and Bombay State; and

(b) If so, whether Government are going to consider the scheme proposed by the Baroda State now merged in Bombay State?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):**

(a) The Government are not aware of such a proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

## MAIL HUTS IN KASHMIR

\*840. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mail-huts between Sonamarg and Kargil in Kashmir which were destroyed by the raiders have not so far been reconstructed;

(b) whether Government are aware that during winter mail meant for these areas is often delayed on account of this reason; and

(c) when Government propose to reconstruct these huts?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (c). In the present conditions in that area travelling of runners at night has been suspended. No huts therefore are required for the shelter of the runners since they spend the night in their houses. Nevertheless orders for reconstruction of the huts for the comfort of the runners in the day time have been passed.

(b) During winter, mails are unusually delayed not for want of huts but due to severe weather conditions.

## EXTENSION OF TELEGRAPH LINE BEYOND LADAKH

\*841. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to extend the telegraph line beyond Ladakh so as to link it up with Nubra-Penamic and other border areas; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

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

(b) There is no proposal at present to extend telegraph line beyond Ladakh.

## PATHANKOTE—UDHAMPUR RAILWAY LINE

\*842. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been or is being made for constructing a