

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

Railway line from Pathankote to Udhampur and Jammu;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when Government propose to start the work of constructing the Railway line; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) No.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a), the question does not arise.

(c) The difficult ways and means position combined with the fact that there is already a long list of high priority projects approved of by the Central Board of Transport.

EX-NIZAM'S STATE RAILWAY

*843. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent and to what categories of staff the Adjudicator's award has been implemented on the ex-N.S. Railway;

(b) the categories of staff to whom the Adjudicator's award has not been implemented though they come under the purview of the award; and

(c) the saving effected by the railway administration consequent on the non-implementation of the award?

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

(a) The benefits of the Hours of Employment regulations as modified by the Adjudicator's Award have been extended in full to all categories of staff of the ex-N. S. Railway in the Engineering, Mechanical, Stores and Accounts Departments, and Class IV staff of the Medical and Transportation Departments; in respect of the Commercial Department, and Class III staff of the Transportation and Medical Departments, the extension of these benefits is in hand and progress is estimated at 50 per cent.

(b) The benefits of the Award have not yet been extended to the Running Staff, Travelling Ticket Examiners and Scalesmen, and about 50 per cent. of the Assistant Station Masters, and Train Examining Staff. In the case of Medical Department, 5 posts have been filled out of 8 required for completing the extension of the benefits of the Award.

(c) The implementation of the Award must necessarily take time to be completed and there is no question of the Administration effecting any saving.

राजस्थान और मध्यभारत के आदि-

वासी क्षेत्रों के लिये रेलवे लाइन

*८४४. श्री डामर : क्या रेल

मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पहले कभी बी० बी० एंड सी० आई० की बड़ी लाइन के आर पार उत्तर से सुदूर दक्षिण तक जाने वाली एक ऐसी रेल लाइन निकालने के लिये कोई योजना बनायी थी, जो राजस्थान और मध्यभारत के आदि-वासियों के क्षेत्र में हो कर जाये;

(ख) यदि बनाई थी तो उस सम्बन्ध में निर्माण कार्य कब से हाथ में ले लिया जाने वाला है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं बनाई थी, तो क्या हाल में कोई योजना बनायी गयी है ?

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

(a) The following north-south connections in Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat have been under consideration:—

(i) Ajmer-Kotah, and (ii) Bhusaval-Tarana Road.

(b) The first project was considered by the Central Board of Transport and dropped. The second proposal is under reference with the Madhya Bharat Government. The Government are not in a position at this stage to say if and when construction is likely to be undertaken.

(c) The question does not arise.

AHMEDABAD—KHERWARA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

*845. **Shri Bheekha Bhal:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Ahmedabad Kherwara National highway No. 8 has been taken up;

(b) if so, the progress made on this road project up till now; and

(c) the time by which the work will be completed?