

(c). Technical staff are allowed to sit for examinations in technical subjects relating to Aviation. In other cases permission is not being granted to the employees to join colleges and appear at examinations. This is in the exigencies of service. The matter, however, is being further examined as a general question.

JAUNPUR-PARTABGARH-SULTANPUR RAILWAY LINE

*1113. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaunpur-Partabgarh-Sultanpur railway line is going to be re-constructed;

(b) if so, when the work is going to be started; and

(c) whether any sum of money has been granted by the Government of India to start the work?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) As there is no direct line existing between Jaunpur and Partabgarh and there is already a line between Partabgarh and Sultanpur, the question of reconstruction of Jaunpur-Partabgarh-Sultanpur Railway does not arise.

The hon. Member is presumably referring to the restoration of Sultanpur-Zafarabad section of Utraitia-Sultanpur-Zafarabad line which was dismantled during the last war. It has been decided to restore the whole of this line.

(b) Preliminary arrangements for the restoration of the Utraitia-Sultanpur-Zafarabad line are in hand.

(c) Yes. A sum of Rs. 7 lakhs has been provided for the restoration of this line in the Budget for 1952-53.

Shri Ganpati Ram: May I know whether any survey of land has been made so far for the purpose, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, how much money has been spent so far?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I have already informed the House that we have made preliminary arrangements for the restoration of that line, and it is difficult for me to give the details. But the hon. Member may rest assured that the money has been provided and the work has already been taken in hand. So he need not worry on that account any further.

Shri Ganpati Ram: May I know how long it will take to restore the line for the full operation of traffic?

Shri L. B. Shastri: It is difficult to say. The hon. Member should wait for some time and see how the work progresses.

BANIHAL TUNNELS SURVEY

*1114. **Shri Ghulam Qader:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banihal Tunnels survey has been completed;

(b) if so, when the construction work will be started;

(c) what is the total estimated expenditure of this tunnel;

(d) how much time will be taken for its completion; and

(e) to which firm the contract has been given?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Survey has just commenced.

(b) to (e). The question of construction will arise only after the survey report has been received and considered.

شری غلام قادر : میں جان سکتا ہوں کہ یہ رپورٹ کب تک تیار ہو جائیگی اور کب سے اس پر عمل ہونا شروع ہو گا ؟

[**Shri Ghulam Qader:** May I know as to when this report will be completed and by when it will be given effect to?]

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : उम्मीद यह है कि इस की रिपोर्ट अक्टूबर तक मिल जायेगी और अगर हम काम शुरू कर सके तो अगले साल दिसम्बर से काम शुरू कर सकेंगे ।

شری غلام قادر : کیا کشمیر سرکار نے اس بارے میں کوئی سروے کی ہے ؟

[**Shri Ghulam Qader:** Has the Kashmir Government undertaken any survey in this behalf?]

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : यह तो काश्मीर के आनरेबल मेम्बर अच्छी तरह से जान सकते हैं ।