

**KALAGARH-KASHIPUR RAILWAY LINE**

\*1288. **Shri Bhakta Darshan**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new railway line was proposed to be constructed between Kalagarh in Garhwal and Kashipur in Nainital District (U.P.) several years ago;

(b) if so, when it was surveyed;

(c) what was its total length and the estimated expenditure on it;

(d) whether any intermediate stations were proposed on the line, and if so, at which places; and

(e) what were the reasons for dropping the proposal?

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

(b) It was last surveyed in 1946.

(c) The alignment surveyed was 31.41 miles long and the line was at that time estimated to cost Rs. 42.50 lakhs.

(d) The intermediate stations proposed were Thakurdwara, Jaspur, Rehar and Afzalgarh.

(e) Apart from the line not being expected to be remunerative, it was considered that the needs of the area could be more economically met by road transport.

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF CHILD-WELFARE**

\*1289. **Shrimati Jayashri**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Child-Welfare is receiving any assistance from Government; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur)**: (a) No.

(b) Government have not received any request for financial assistance from the Indian Council of Child Welfare but if they are approached in the matter, the request will be duly considered.

**FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEHRA DUN**

\*1290. **Shri Hem Raj**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what experiments have been made by the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun on the different varieties of woods found in different parts of India;

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(b) if so, what wood industries has it found suitable to be adopted as cottage industries for commercial purposes; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan to encourage those industries in the States in which those woods are found?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar)**: (a) The Forest Research Institute was founded in the year 1906. All its experiments and achievements have been described in its Annual Reports. Annual Reports up-to-date will be found in the Library of the House. The last Report—Report of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture for 1951-52 has already been circulated. Further, I am placing on the Table of the House a Brochure giving a record of its past achievement. [Copy placed in the Library. See No. P-55/52].

(b) The Institute considers the following industries as suitable for adoption as cottage industries for commercial purposes:

Manufacture of tea-chests, battery-separators, and pencil slats; manufacture of camphor, tamarind seed powder, and paper from Sabai grass.

(c) Yes. All the States have been advised on the possibilities of developing these industries. Assistance is rendered in the supply of timber, casein, and other raw materials at reasonable prices to these industries in the States. The Central Advisory Board on Forest Utilisation, in which the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, and Industry are represented, along with others, helps the Government's developing the forest industries in different States.

**BARTER AGREEMENT**

\*1292. **Shri M. Islamuddin**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the kind, quantity and value of the foodgrains imported from abroad in 1951 on barter agreement;

(b) what Indian commodities were exchanged with them; and

(c) whether there is any such barter agreement for the year 1952?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar)**: (a) Following quantities of foodgrains were

imported during 1951 under Barter Agreements.

Kind	Quantity '000 tons
Wheat	612
Rice	359

It will not be in the public interest to disclose the value of these commodities just at present.

(b) Hessian, Jute, Shellac, Tobacco, Tea and Gunnies.

(c) Yes. A wheat for rice barter deal has been entered into with Pakistan. The Government of India will supply 39,700 tons of wheat in exchange for 37,700 tons of rice to be supplied by Pakistan.

#### GANGA BRIDGE

\*1293. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visvesvaraya Committee which set up to report about the location of a rail road bridge on the river Ganga has submitted its report;

(b) what are the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the report has been considered by Government;

(d) whether the recommendations have been accepted;

(e) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to give effect to the recommendations; and

(f) what will be the estimated expenditure involved in giving effect to the recommendations?

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

(b) A Press Communique on the recommendations made by Dr. M. Visvesvaraya was issued on 11th June and was published in all the leading Newspapers on 12th June, 1952. A copy of the Communique is being laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 39].

(c) The Report is under consideration.

(d) and (e). Do not arise at present.

(f) According to the estimate prepared in 1948 a combined rail-road bridge at Mokameh Ghat was estimated to cost Rs. 12.3 crores. The estimate will need revision according to current prices and in the light of any modifications, that may be made in the Design.

#### MADHUPUR AND-GIRDIH RAILWAY STATION

275. Shri N. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the Railway line from Girdih and to connect it with the Grand Chord Line at Kodarma?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The reply is in the negative.

#### NEW RAILWAY LINES IN CHHOTA NAGPUR

276. Shri N. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many miles of new Railway lines are proposed to be laid in Chhota Nagpur in Bihar during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): None during 1952-53. The programme of new line constructions for 1953-54 has not yet been prepared.

#### KHANDWA-HINGOLI RAILWAY LINE

277. Shri G. B. Khedkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made to construct a new Railway Line from Khandwa to Hingoli via Akot-Akola-Basim; and

(b) if so, when the actual work will begin?

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

(b) The project is at present being re-examined by the Western Railway. It is not possible at this stage to state when actually construction work will begin.

#### BILASPUR-NAGPUR RAILWAY SECTION

278. Shri Kirodikar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of wagons in Bilaspur-Nagpur section of Eastern Railway;

(b) what procedure has been adopted in the supply of wagons to the merchants;

(c) whether there was any complaint from the merchants' Association of Rajnandgaon, District Drug, Madhya Pradesh State, regarding the supply and distribution of wagons;

(d) if so, what action has been taken; and

(e) what quantity of foodgrains have been lying at present in godowns in Rajnandgaon owing to non-supply of wagons?