

MADRAS-MANGALORE RAILWAY LINK

*210. **Shri Basappa:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Chief Minister of Mysore made a representation to the Central Railway Minister recently regarding a direct Railway link between Madras and Mangalore via Bouringpat?

(b) Are the Government of India going to institute any survey in this matter?

(c) What are the new railway lines for the construction of which several representations have been sent to this Government from Mysore State during last year?

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

(b) Not at present.

(c) Representations were received for the construction of railway lines (1) Kadur-Chikmagalur-Mangalore (2) Chitaldroog-Rayadurg and (3) Chamarajanagar-Satyamangalam.

VISIT OF DISTRESSED AREAS OF MYSORE BY PRIME MINISTER

*211. **Shri Basappa:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the places visited by the Prime Minister during his recent tour of the distressed areas in Mysore State?

(b) What is the extent in area and population of the distress caused in Mysore State?

(c) What were the major relief works mentioned by the people of these distressed areas in the memoranda submitted to the Prime Minister?

(d) What action has been taken by Government on these memoranda?

(e) Has any additional help been given to the Mysore State subsequent to the visit of the Prime Minister and if so, what is the nature and extent of that help?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) During his recent tour of the distress areas of Mysore State the Prime Minister visited mainly the following places in the districts of Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Kolar:—

Pavagada, Parasurampura, Chalakera, Hiriya, Sira, Madhugiri, Goribidnur, Gudibanda, Bagepallu and Palasamudram.

(b) (i) Nearly two thirds of the State.

(ii) About 50 lakhs of people are affected by scarcity.

(c) The major relief works suggested by the people were:—

(i) Expediting the Bhadra Project;

(ii) Opening a number of short distance railways;

(iii) Setting up and promoting various cottage and other industries, particularly the handloom industry;

(iv) Digging new wells, tube wells and tanks and repairing the old ones;

(v) Improving rural communications and water supply;

(vi) Opening more gruel centres;

(vii) Surveying the water and mineral resources;

(viii) Organising community projects; and

(ix) Help from the Central Government for various kinds of subsidies, grants, taccavis and subsistence loans.

(d) The memoranda in question were forwarded to the Chief Minister, Mysore, for appropriate action.

(e) No.

ROAD BRIDGE AT ALAMURU

*212. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the foundation stone was laid two years ago for a road bridge over Godavari River at Alamuru?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, how has the bridge progressed?

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

(b) Protective works (stone pitching and guide bank) are already in progress. Tenders have been invited for the main bridge work.

KRISHNA ROAD BRIDGE AT VIJAYAWADA

*213. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what has happened to a proposal for the construction of the Krishna road bridge at Vijayawada?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): This work is