

(b) whether there have been instances where Railway administrations obtained permits in their own names and then gave them to the contractors; and

(c) the particulars of the Out-Agency contractors (on the various Railways) who were given automobile permits by the Railway administrations?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir; in certain cases.

(b) and (c). In two instances the State Governments concerned preferred to grant permits in the name of the Railway instead of the contractors. These relate to the Balurghat Out-Agency (North Eastern Railway) worked by M/s. Balur Ghat Transport Agency and the Tamruk Out-Agency (Eastern Railway) worked by M/s Tamruk-Panchkura Motor Transport Association.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

***1386. Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that transport is periodically dislocated between Sambalpur and places south of the Mahanadi due to floods in the Jhainjore and Danta rivers, on the Calcutta-Bombay National Highway;

(b) whether there is any proposal to build new bridges or raise the cause-ways on rivers Jhainjore and Danta on the Sambalpur-Bargarh Section of the Calcutta-Bombay National Highway; and

(c) if so, when the construction work is likely to start?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. It is proposed to construct new bridges over these rivers.

(c) Tenders for the construction of the bridge over the Jhainjore have been invited by the Orissa Public Works Department. The work will commence as soon as the tenders are considered and the work given out on contract. Plans and estimates for the bridge over the Danta have been called for from the State Public Works Department. These will be sanctioned on receipt and necessary scrutiny.

STRIKE ON THE INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

***1391. Shri G. L. Chaudhary:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of the Indian Airlines Corporation have taken a decision for a one-day token-strike in their mass rally held at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir, as far as the Government of India are aware.

(b) Does not arise.

MALARIA IN ANDHRA

***1393. Shri Vishwanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of Malaria has increased considerably in Andhra in recent years;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra has asked for additional Malaria Units; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Reports available show that there has been no such increase.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.