

### BRIDGE OVER THE BRAHMAPUTRA

\*1976. **Shri K. P. Tripathi** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are considering a proposal for the construction of a bridge over the Brahmaputra in the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan)** : There are two proposals for the construction of a bridge across the Brahmaputra. One for a bridge at Amingaon and the other for a bridge at Jogighopa with a new railway line from Pandu to Bongaigaon. The proposals will be considered for examination if and when more funds become available during the latter stages of the Second Five Year Plan.

### CALCUTTA PORTS

\*1977. **Shri Raghunath Singh** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the number of Pakistani nationals employed as labourers at Calcutta harbour, ports and steamers?

### CALCUTTA DOCKYARD

\*1996. **Shri Raghunath Singh** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the number of Pakistani nationals employed in Calcutta Dockyard, harbour, ports and shippings?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan)** : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 56]

### 'Andha Shishi' WEED

\*1980. **Shri U. M. Trivedi** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 775 on the 6th April, 1956 and state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken for spraying 2-4-D Ethyl Easter to destroy the weed 'Andha Shishi' ;

(b) if so, where and with what results ; and

(c) whether Government will distribute this weedicide before the end of the next monsoon to the cultivators in Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)** : (a) No large scale spraying on cultivators' fields has been undertaken. Only experimental spraying has been carried out so far.

(b) In Bombay and Bhopal States and IARI at New Delhi. It has been found that 2-4-D Ethyl Easter can effectively control this weed.

(c) No. Government does not distribute weedicides but recommends their use to cultivators who may purchase them from the market.

### FERTILIZERS

\*1985. **Sardar Iqbal Singh** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1602 on the 9th September, 1955 and state :

(a) whether final decision has since been taken in regard to the reduction in the prices of fertilizers ; and

(b) if so, the rate at which fertilizers will be available to cultivators this year ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)** : (a) Yes Sir. It was not found possible to reduce the pool price of Sulphate of Ammonia during 1955. Although a final decision regarding the price for 1956 has not yet been taken, it does not appear possible to make any reduction this year also in view of the high cost of imported material.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 57]

### TRACTOR TESTING STATION

\*1990. **Shri Shree Narayan Das** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to start India's first Tractor Testing Station at Bairagarh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)** : (a) It has not yet been decided where the Tractor Testing Station will be located.

(b) Does not arise.