

**Shri Joachim Alva :** In view of the public interest in these lions having been heightened after the Prime Minister visited that area, has the Ministry taken the trouble of recommending to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to take a good documentary film of the Gir lions?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker :** Taking a documentary picture is not going to increase the number.

#### BRIDGE OVER GANDAK RIVER

\*174. **Shri Anirudha Sinha :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of a new railway bridge with a double line over the Gandak River in Bihar has been sanctioned by the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the bridge and the time when the work of actual construction will commence?

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

(b) The bridge is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 2 crores. The preliminaries such as finalisation of the design and arrangement of construction plant are being taken in hand and the actual construction will commence thereafter.

**Shri Anirudha Sinha :** May I know what time it would take to complete the construction of the bridge and also whether it would be a rail-cum-road bridge, or a rail bridge only?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan :** The bridge would take approximately three years to complete. We have asked the State Government whether they would like to have a roadway across the bridge. In case they desire to have a road across the bridge, then they must be prepared to share some of the costs. Their reply is awaited.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** माननीय मंत्री ने गंडक नदी के बगाहा के पुल को भी देखा है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या उस के बनने की कोई गुंजाइश है?

**श्री शाहनवाज खाँ :** यह दूसरा सवाल है। अगर माननीय सदस्य नोटिस देंगे तो उस का जवाब दे दिया जायेगा।

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** पालियामटरी सेक्रेटरी महोदय को उस के बारे में कुछ मालूम नहीं है। माननीय मंत्री ने गंडक नदी के ऊपर बगाहा के पुल को देखा है। क्या वह पुल बनेगा या नहीं?

**रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) :** मैं ने उस को देखा है, मगर देखने के मानी यह नहीं है कि वह पुल बनेगा ही। हम ने रेलवे बोर्ड को जांच-पड़ताल करने के लिये कहा है और वह उसे करने वाला है।

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\*176. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 794 on the 13th December, 1955 and state :

(a) whether the proposals for increasing the line capacity between Bhopal and Bina have been finalised ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken for their implementation?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet, they are still under consideration.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :** May I know the nature of the proposals that are under the consideration of the Railway Board for such a pretty long time? May I also know whether these proposals envisage the doubling of that particular track, or any change in the interlocking so that the line capacity may be increased?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan :** There are different proposals. One is of doubling the line from Bhopal to Bina. The other is to have a new line from Guna to Nagda, that is, an alternative line.