

is being provided with roof and the rest has no roof with the result that passengers are exposed to sun and rain?

**Shri Alagesan:** The entire length of the platform is always not covered by roof. It is only a portion that is so covered. I do not know the length which is being covered and the length left uncovered.

**Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** When is the work likely to be recommenced?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is already proceeding.

### Bongaigaon Workshop

\*641. **Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enlarge the workshop at Bongaigaon in the N. E. Rly. for repairing and complete overhauling of coaches and wagons; and

(b) if so, from when the work will be started?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Railway Board.

**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** How long will it take to finalise the matter?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As soon as the Railway Board has considered it.

### Aerodrome at Udaipur

\*642. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Aerodrome at Udaipur has been completed;

(b) if so, to what important places it will be linked with in the country; and

(c) when the service will be operated?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) No, Sir. The work is expected to be completed by the end of 1956.

(b) and (c) The question of starting a scheduled or feeder service through Udaipur and connecting it with other places in the country will be examined after the aerodrome has been constructed.

**Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** May I know the total estimated cost, and how much has been spent so far?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The latest revised estimate of the CPWD is Rs. 8.75 lakhs, exclusive of departmental charges which will work out to about Rs. 70,000.

The progress so far made is:

**Runway:** Soling and metalling complete.

**Side Strips:** Filling in progress, 90 per cent. work completed.

**Domestic Accommodation:** Complete except electric supply.

**Terminal Building:** Work in progress. Fencing: Complete.

### Air Service between Ratnagiri and Konkan Coast

\*644. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation have worked out a programme to start an air service to Ratnagiri on the Konkan coast;

(b) if so, whether the construction of an aerodrome at Ratnagiri has been undertaken;

(c) if not, when the construction work will commence; and

(d) when the air service to Ratnagiri is expected to commence?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (d). It has been decided to construct an aerodrome at Ratnagiri during the Second Five Year Plan. The construction work is expected to be started during 1957-58. The question of operating an air service to Ratnagiri can arise only after the aerodrome at Ratnagiri has been completed.

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### प्रखिल भारतीय सहकारी संघ

\*६१०. श्री श्रीनारायण दास : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सहकारी आन्दोलन को बढ़ाने और उसे शक्तिशाली बनाने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार प्रखिल भारतीय सहकारी संघ को कोई वित्तीय सहायता देती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों में उक्त संघ को किस रूप में और कितनी राशि दी गई ;

(ग) क्या वर्ष १९५६-५७ के लिये सहायता स्वीकार करने के लिये संघ ने कोई योजना सरकार के पास भेजी है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसकी रूप रेखा क्या है ?