

although there is no price control on such sales, the District officers do arrange sale of this rice by the traders at a price which gives them only a reasonable margin. These private traders cater to the needs of only that small section of the people which prefers to purchase rice of their own choice even at higher prices.

Safdarjang Airport

*646. Dr. S. N. Sinha: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern approaches of the Safdarjang airport are constantly endangered by the presence of innumerable vultures flying over the carcasses scattered nearabout;

(b) whether complaints of such nature have reached the authorities from time to time; and

(c) the action taken to remove the danger, and how far the danger has been removed?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) (a) to (c) I place on the Table of the Lok Sabha a statement giving the requisite information. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 12].

Danger to Railway Line by Flood Waters

*647. { Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :
Chandburi Muhammed
Shafiq:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the serious situation concerning the great danger to the Railway line (N. E. Rly.) near Ballia (U. P.) owing to flood in the Ghogra;

(b) whether it is a fact that water of the flooded river has reached spots which are at a distance of few yards only from the Railway line; and

(c) whether proper arrangements have been made for protection of the Railway line?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) The Railway is aware of the embayment formed by the Ghogra River near mile 19 of the Ballia-Chupra Section of the N.E. Railway.

(b) The shortest distance between the river's edges and the Railway line is 400 ft.

(c) Yes.

Seamen

B. Vittal Rao :
*648. { Shri A. K. Goswami :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a social security scheme for seamen has been

prepared in conjunction with an I.L.O. expert;

(b) if so, the main features of this scheme; and

(c) when the scheme will be put into operation?

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

(b) The scheme provides for (i) employment injury insurance (cash benefit), (ii) Sickness insurance (cash benefit), (iii) Medical care, (iv) waiting pay during stay at ports of recruitment and (v) old age pension.

(c) The views of shipowners as well as seafarers on the scheme have been invited. The matter will be considered further on receipt of their replies.

जमुना पुल

*६४८. श्री भक्त वर्मा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री ३ अप्रैल, १९५६ को ताराकित प्रश्न संख्या ११०३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हुमायूँ के मकबरे और घाहादरा के बीच जमुना नदी पर एक पुल बनाने के बारे में कोई अन्तिम निश्चय कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पुल की लम्बाई, पूंजीगत व्यय और निर्माण में लगने वाले समय का एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जायेगा; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो अब एक इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रवृत्ति हुई है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सहायक (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) अभी नहीं ।

(ख) संभाव नहीं उठता ।

(ग) पुल बनाने के लिये एक जगह चुनी गई है । पूना के सेन्ट्रल हाइड्रॉलिक रिसर्च स्टेशन में मूने तैयार करके घाट-माप (model experiments) की जा रही है कि यह जगह पुल बनाने के लिये ठीक है या नहीं ।