

### Bridges across Jhainjore and Danta Rivers

\*1974. **Shri R. N. S. Deo** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1386 on the 20th December, 1954 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on construction of a bridge across the Jhainjore has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and when the work is likely to be finished;

(c) whether plans and estimates for the bridge over the Danta have been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**) : (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 25].

**Shri R. N. S. Deo** : In the statement the reason for the delay in the work on the Jhainjore Bridge is said to be floods and the scarcity of labour because of the harvesting season. In view of the fact that two working seasons have elapsed and between the harvesting season and the floods a number of months are available for work, may I know whether Government have satisfied themselves as to the justification of the reasons given for the delay?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan** : The Government has taken note—in fact serious note—of the delays that have occurred. We have been assured that the work is going to start vigorously after the end of the monsoon, and the work on the bridge will be completed before the next floods come in 1957.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo** : May I know whether there was any time-limit in the contract, and if so by what time was this bridge to be completed?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan** : I shall require notice for that.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo** : May I know whether there was any condition for arrangement of night shifts in the terms of the contract?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan** : I do not happen to have with me at this moment all the terms and conditions of the contract. If the hon. Member wants to know that, I can give it to him later on.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo** : With regard to the bridge on the Danta river it is said that technical sanction has been accorded

and financial sanction may be accorded next year. In view of the fact that this bridge is in the national highway connecting Bombay and Calcutta which also serves three steel factories, and in view of its strategic importance, may I know whether the work will be expedited?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan** : It is not that we do not wish to expedite the work. The only limiting factor is the deficiency of funds. As soon as adequate funds are available, we will go ahead with this, and we hope the financial sanction will be given next year.

### Central Godowns

\*1976. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh** :  
**Sardar Akarpuri** :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of rice which deteriorated in Central Government Godowns during the years 1955 and 1956 as far as available;

(b) the causes for the deterioration; and

(c) the quantity and value of wheat and other food-grains which also deteriorated similarly during the above period?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (**Shri Abid Ali**) : (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 26].

(b) Natural causes such as insects, moisture and rats.

(c) Information is given in the statement for part (a). Bulk of the damaged quantity of wheat was due to unforeseen floods in Kasu Begu depot in Ferozpur Dist. in October, 1955.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : About 60,000 maunds of wheat was damaged at Kasu Begu depot. At what price was this damaged wheat sold and to which firm?

**Shri Abid Ali** : I require notice for that.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : May I know whether it is a fact that this damaged wheat has been lying in open space since the last one year in the godown of the Kasu Begu depot, and whether Government will enquire into the matter?

**Shri Abid Ali** : Yes, Sir. We will enquire into the matter.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh** : May I know whether any enquiry was made into the cause of the damage of the wheat and the selling of this wheat at a good price of six annas? If so, what is the result of the enquiry?