

Over/Under Bridges proposed by Kerala Government

620. Shri Kunhan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of over/under bridges proposed by the Kerala Government to the Railway Ministry for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) how many have been accepted by the Central Government;

(c) whether the Parli. and Cannanore overbridges have also been included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Seventeen.

(b) Seventeen.

(c) The State Government's proposals include scheme for an over/under-bridge in place of the existing level crossing at mile 337/22 at Parli station, but not near Cannanore Station. According to the State Government's programme, over/under-bridge at Parli is to be taken up during 1964-65.

(d) Does not arise.

Calcutta-Delhi Air Service

621. Shri Mohammad Elias: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian air flights between Calcutta and Delhi were being delayed between 22nd March, 1962 and 30th March, 1962; and

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes, Sir, in regard to flights emanating from Calcutta.

(b) Due to go-slow tactics adopted by the Indian Airlines Corporation staff working at Dum Dum airport

who refused to work over-time whenever called upon to do so.

Post Offices in Orissa

623. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices so far opened and proposed to be opened in course of the current year in the State of Orissa;

(b) how many of the offices already opened have been provided with telecommunication service facilities; and

(c) what is the future programme therefor?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):

(a) 4490 post offices of various categories existed in the State of Orissa as on 31st March, 1962, and 250 post offices are proposed to be opened during the current year.

(b) 346 Telegraph offices and 176 Public Call Offices.

(c) 30 Telegraph offices and 20 Public Call Offices are proposed to be opened during the current year.

Recognition of Unions on North Eastern and Eastern Railways

624. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded recognition to some unions of employees of North Eastern Railway and Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, what are the names of unions that have been recognised by the North Eastern Railway and Eastern Railway and since when?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the

Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 74].

Enquiry Officers

625. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instruction prohibiting appointment of biased officers as Enquiry Officers in departmental disciplinary proceedings have been issued;

(b) if so, whether these orders have been implemented;

(c) whether Government have issued detailed instructions in this behalf; and

(d) whether there have been instances or instance of breach of these orders in Bombay Postal Circle?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs had issued certain administrative instructions that an enquiry in a departmental proceeding should not be entrusted to an officer who held the preliminary investigations and expressed a definite opinion on the point at issue.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The instruction issued by the Director General, P. & T. were based on government decision.

(d) No specific case has come to notice.

Electrification of Igatpuri-Bhusawal Section, Central Railway

626. Shri D. R. Chavan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification of the Igatpuri-Bhusawal section of the Central Railway is included in the finalised projects of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is scheduled for completion during 1965-66.

Conversion of Poona-Miraj Section into Broad Gauge

627. Shri D. R. Chavan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conversion of Poona-Miraj section from metre gauge to broad gauge is included in the finalised projects of the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the progress made up-to-date?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Doubling of the Poona-Miraj M. G. section by an additional broad gauge line is included in the Railways' programme for the Third Five Year Plan. However, various alternative methods for increasing the transport capacity of the section, which also include its conversion into broad gauge, are at present under examination.

Retrenchment of Workers of Bhakra Project

628. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many workers have been retrenched and how many served with notices by the Bhakra Administration;

(b) how many of them have been absorbed by the Central or State Governments; and

(c) what steps are being taken to find employment for others?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim):

(a) The number of workers retrenched up to the end of February, 1962, was 2,644. The number served with notices during March, 1962, was 703.