

Since this arrangement did not ensure adequate attention to commercial work, it became necessary to convert the post of District Traffic Supdt. into that of District Operating Superintendent and to upgrade the post of Assistant Commercial Superintendent (Titilagarh) to that of District Commercial Superintendent. With this strengthening of the Commercial Organisation, the need for an Asstt. Commercial Superintendent at Titilagarh disappeared.

Tungabhadra High Level Canal

635. **Shri S. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many distributaries have been completed on Tungabhadra High Level Canal;

(b) whether it is a fact that distributaries have been dug without constructing proper bridges on all the old village roads crossing the canal specially near Jalihal Basapur and Jamunathanhalli in Sidhanur Taluk, district Raichur;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the villages have been cut off from their nearby fields on the other side of the canal;

(d) if so, what steps will be taken in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that Tungabhadra Board has refused to construct bridges on all crossing village roads except on pucca roads; and

(f) whether the Centre propose to advise the Board to construct such bridges shortly?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sugar Industries in Tungabhadra Area

636. **Shri S. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been planned to set up sugar industries in Tungabhadra area;

(b) if so, how many of them are on co-operative basis and how many are through joint stock companies; and

(c) how many licences have been issued so far and what kind of companies are they?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). A co-operative factory at Kampli (Distt. Bellary) was established in 1957-58 in the area served by the Tungabhadra Irrigation Project. A draft licence was issued in June, 1960 to a Joint Stock Co. for establishment of a sugar factory at Gangavati in Raichur District. This was cancelled on 4th October, 1961 as the licensee failed to take effective steps to establish the factory.

प्रथम श्रेणी के रेलवे अधिकारियों की नियुक्ति

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श्रीमती गंगादेवी :

नया रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत पांच वर्ष में रेलवे विभाग में कुल कितने प्रथम श्रेणी के पदाधिकारियों की नियुक्तियां की गईं; और

(ख) उपरोक्त पदाधिकारियों में कुल कितने हरिजन लिये गये ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपसंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां): (क) पिछले पांच वर्षों में पहले दर्जे के ६६६ अफसर भर्ती किये गये।

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