

commenced immediately thereafter.

- (iii) **Brahmanghat bridge over Narmada River.**—An estimate for Rs. 9.51 lakhs was sanctioned in August, 1957. No tender was received for a long time and the three tenders received thereafter had to be rejected due to high cost. Subsequently, a quotation for Rs. 11.25 lakhs for the work received from M/s. Gammon (India) (Private) Ltd. was accepted in January 1960. After settling certain technical details with the firm, the work was actually commenced in March, 1961 and is now progressing satisfactorily. The bridge is expected to be completed by March, 1963.

It is also proposed to undertake construction of seven other minor bridges on this National Highway for which a sum of Rs. 9.00 lakhs has been included in the Third Five-Year Plan for the State. Detailed plans and estimates for these works are awaited from the State Government.

(b) The delay in the commencement of the works is mainly due to:

- (i) lack of response to the invitations for tenders, and
- (ii) Time taken in negotiations and setting various technical details and terms of contract with the contractors.

(c) Steps are already being taken to ensure expeditious settlement of the contracts as well as the timely completion of the work by:—

- (i) inviting quotations from well established firms when there is no response to the general call for tenders for the work,
- (ii) helping in arriving at quick decisions by means of direct

negotiations and personal discussions, and

- (iii) assisting the contractor in obtaining the supply of materials required for the various works. Similar and other suitable steps will be taken in future also whenever needed.

Halt at Thekkawuttloor, Kozhikode

1030. **Shri Koya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public and merchants especially betel leaves merchants about the hardship caused to them by not allowing a train halt at Thekkawuttloor between Tirur and Tirunavaya in Kozhikode District (Kerala State); and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was examined but not accepted for want of adequate justification.

फ़रौदी से कोलायत तक रेल मार्ग

१०८१. श्री तन सिंह : क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान के जोधपुर जिले में फ़रौदी से कोलायत अथवा भाप तक रेल मार्ग बनाने की कोई योजना थी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस प्रयोजन के लिये वहाँ सर्वेक्षण भी किया जा चुका था ;

(ग) क्या सरकार वहाँ अब ऐसा कोई मार्ग और बनाने का विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक इस रेल मार्ग का निर्माण हो जायेगा; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?