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 а 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

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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 Thekkawkuttoor, 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 teain halt at Thekkawkuttoor between Tirur and Tirunayaya in Kezhikode 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.

फ़लौदी से कोलायत तक रेल मार्ग

१०**८१. श्री तन सिंह**ः क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

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

(ख) क्यायह सच है कि इस प्रयोजन के लिये वहां सर्वेक्षण भी किया जा चका था ;

 (ग) क्या सरकार वहां अब ऐसा कोई मार्ग ग्रीर बनाक का विचार कर रही है;

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

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ? रेलबे मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (थी सें० बें० रामस्वामी): (क) ग्रौर (ख). जी हां।

- (ग) जी नहीं।
- (घ) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

(ङ) तीसरी पंचवर्षीय श्रायोजना में नयी लाइनों के निर्माण के लिये रेलवे ने जो कार्यक्रम बनाया है, उसमें यह प्रस्ताव शामिल नहीं है।

Panchayats in NEFA

1082. Shri D. Ering: Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to improve the existing KEBAGS or Panchayats in NEFA; and

(b) whether Government is going to consider giving some more powers to the Panchayat members?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) and (b). "KEBA-GS" are traditional tribal councils. No statutory Panchayats have so far been established in NEFA.

Railway Line from Bhongir to Nagarjunasagar

1084. Shri Laxmi Dass: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to construct a Railway line from Bhongir to Nagarjunasagar in Nalgonda district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposal is not included in the railway's programme for construction of new lines during the Third Five Year Plan.

उन्नाव स्टेशन पर जलपान गृह

१०८५. श्री क्रुडण देवः क्या रेरु**वे** मन्त्रीयहवतानेकी क्रुपाकरेंगेकि

(क) क्या कारण है कि उन्नाव रेलवे स्टेशन पर जलपान-गृह का प्रबन्ध नहीं है जबकि २६ सवारी गाड़ियां वहां से गुजरती हैं क्रौर वह जिले का प्रधान नगर है ;

(ख) क्या मन्त्रालय न स्टेशनों पर जलपान-गृह खोलने के लिये कोई शर्ते निर्धा-रित कर रखी हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो वे क्या-क्या हैं ; ग्रौर

(घ) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में उन्नाव स्टेशन पर जलपान-गृह खोलने का विचार कर रही है ?

रेल्**वे म**न्त्राज्य में उपमन्त्री (श्री शाह-नवाज खां) : (क) से (घ), एक वियरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है ।

विवरण

उतात्र रेलवे स्टेशन पर भोजनालय

स्टेशनों की ग्रावश्यकता के ग्रनुसार उन पर भोजनालयों की व्यवस्था की जाती है ।

उन्नाव स्टेशन कानपुर और लखनऊ के बीच स्थित है । उन्नाव कानपुर से १६ किलोमीटर और लखनऊ में १४ किलोमीटर की दूरी पर है । कानपुर में शाकाहारी और सामिष भोजनालय और लखनऊ में रेस्तरां के साथ-साथ शाकाहारी और सामिष भोजनालय की व्यंवुस्था है । इनसे यात्रियों की भोजन-सम्बन्धी ु आवश्यकताएं पूरी हो जाती है ।

उन्नाव स्टेशन पर स्टाल ग्रोर गाड़ियों में चाय, उपाहार ग्रादि की बिकी के लिये १६ श्रादमी हैं। इस बात को ग्रीर उन्नाव स्टेशन पर ठहरुर्ग वाली गाड़ियों के समय को