

Survey of Diwa-Dasgaon Railway

1088. Shri Dighe: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of the Diwa-Dasgaon Railway has been made; and

(b) if so, when was it made; and

(c) what are the detailed findings?

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

(a) and (b). Yes. Preliminary Engineer & Traffic Survey for a Railway line from Diwa to Dasgaon were carried out in the year 1953-54.

(c) These reports indicated inadequate return on the capital cost and as no money was available during the Second Plan, the work was not pursued. However, with a view to help economic growth of the under developed Konkan region and to attempt to relieve undue congestion around Bombay, arising from industrial development, as also to provide rail facilities upto Apta where the Basic Chemical Intermediate Plant is being set up, a railway line from Diwa to Apta via Panvel, with a branch line from Panvel to Uran, has been sanctioned and the work is in progress.

Construction of Bridges at Railway level crossings in Orissa

1089. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public for the construction of over-bridges or under-bridges at the following Railway Level crossings viz. (i) Cutack (Orissa) and (ii) Rayagada (Orissa); and

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal for the construction of such bridges?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Scheme for over/under-bridges in replacement of existing level crossings have to be sponsored by the State Government. The Railways undertake such works

when the State Governments recommend and provide funds in their own budget to meet the road authority's share of the cost of the works.

The proposal for an under-bridge at mile 255½, at the south-end of Cuttack Station Yard as sponsored by the State Government has been finally approved. Plans for the work have been finalised and estimate for the Railway's portion of the work has also been sanctioned. This work will be started as soon as the Government of Orissa communicates their acceptance of their share of the cost.

The scheme for an over-bridge at Rayagada has been tentatively recommended by the State Government for execution during Third Five Year Plan and will be undertaken as soon as the State Government communicates their final decision indicating the year in which they would be able to provide funds towards their share of the cost.

Post Office Buildings in Orissa

1090. Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sub-Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in Orissa not yet provided with departmental buildings;

(b) when the construction of such buildings would take place; and

(c) the total amount that is likely to be spent for the purpose?

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

(a) The total number of Departmental Sub Post Offices and Departmental Branch Post Offices in Orissa which are not housed in departmental buildings is 208 and 3 respectively.

(b) It is not possible to give any specific time as this would depend on the necessity of putting up a departmental building, availability of land and funds and the capacity of the C.P.W.D. to execute the works.

(c) About Rs. 6,30,000/- will be spent on Sub Post Office buildings during the Third Plan in Orissa.

Railway Lines in Orissa

1091, Shri Ulaka: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many miles of new railway lines have been constructed in Orissa under the First and Second Five Year Plan periods so far;

(b) the new railway lines proposed to be opened in Orissa during the Third Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line to connect Paradip Port with Sukinda-Daitari mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) About 66 miles.

(b) Sambalpur-Titilagarh

(About 113 miles)

Bimlagarh-Kiribura

(About 26 miles)

Bondamunda-Purnapani

(About 17 miles)

Baiddilla-Kottavalasa

(270 miles out of which

about 98 miles falls in

Orissa)

(c) and (d). The proposal for inclusion of a rail link from Sukinda/Daitari mining areas to a junction point on the Kharagpur-Cuttack main line, in the railway's programme of the Third Five Year Plan is under consideration. The rail line to Paradip Port from the Kharagpur-Cuttack main line is not included in the railway's programme for Third Five Year Plan. The proposal has also not been investigated so far.

Survey of River Projects in Assam

1092, Shri Liladhar Kotoki: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rivers in the State of Assam of which the surveys

for (i) power project, and (ii) multi-purpose river-valley project, have been completed;

(b) the results of the surveys;

(c) which of these river projects have been included for implementation in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(d) the salient features of the projects included in the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The information is as follows:

(1) Jumuna River.—Detailed investigations have been completed by the Central Water and Power Commission and the report has been sent to the State Government.

(2) Kopilli River.—Detailed investigations have been completed and the designs, the project report and the estimates are at an advanced stage of finalisation.

(3) Barak River.—Detailed investigations are in hand are expected to be completed by March, 1963.

Preliminary investigations for storage projects on the Borpani, Killing, Diyung, Dehing, Mamphuk, Tirap, Kulsi and Subansiri rivers have also been carried out. These projects except those on the Tirap and the Subansiri project were not found attractive and further work was discontinued. The results of the preliminary investigations of the Tirap and the Subansiri Projects are under examination in the Central Water and Power Commission to see whether further detailed investigations of these schemes would be called for.

(c) The following river projects have been included for implementation in the Third Five Year Plan:—