

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 25].

Transporting of Farrakka Barrage Material

1116. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in transporting Farrakka barrage material to Farrakka;

(b) why decision to allow the project to book goods for Farrakka was delayed; and

(c) how much tonnage of goods has been booked and transported up till now?

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

(a) and (b). Farrakka station is not open for booking of goods traffic, nor are there facilities such as goods shed, sidings etc. for handling such traffic.

In a meeting held in May 1961 between Eastern Railway and the Project authorities a request was made for the provision of a siding. The Project authorities were advised to send a formal application for consideration by the Railway. The authorities again approached the Eastern Railway only in October 1961 asking for immediate assistance in handling traffic by using one of the high level slip lines, which is meant for Railway's own use. This was examined by the Eastern Railway and was agreed to as a special case in February 1962.

(c) Upto 9-5-62, 66 wagons have been handed over to Project authorities at Farrakka.

Imphal-Tamenglong Road

1117. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Imphal-Tamenglong Road was declared open about a year ago;

(b) upto what stage the road has been completed;

(c) the total fund allocated for this road; and

(d) the amount spent so far?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the total length of 74 miles, the first 49 miles from Kangpokpi are motorable and the rest jeepable. Further improvement is in progress.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 61 lakhs for the Third Plan period is under the consideration of the Manipur Administration.

(d) First Plan—Rs. 26.12 lakhs.

Second Plan—Rs. 34.78 lakhs.

Year 1961-62—Rs. 11.31 lakhs.

Total: Rs. 72.21 lakhs.

Nagarjunasagar Project

1118. Shri Yallamanda Reddy: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the work of Second Tunnel at Right Canal of Nagarjunasagar Project;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Second Tunnel of the Nagarjunasagar Right Bank Canal is included in the Project sanctioned in September, 1960.

(c) Does not arise.

Halt at Singarayakonda Station

1119. Shri Yallamanda Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to halt Delhi-Madras Janata at Singarayakonda Station in view of the