

(c) North-eastern part of Gorakhpur District will be benefited by the Gandak Project. No portion of the District will be benefited by the Kosi Project.

(d) Yes.

#### Rudrapur-Deoria Railway Line

64. Dr. Mahadeva Prasad: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey was done for the construction of railway line from Rudrapur to Deoria via Padrauna to Maharajanj; and

(b) if so, whether any step is being taken to construct the said line?

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

(b) Does not arise.

#### Hindustan Shipyard

65. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. has recently completed the construction of a big ship "the m.v. State of Punjab";

(b) if so, at what cost; and

(c) what are its salient features?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. The ship was delivered to the owners, viz., the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. on the 6th April, 1962.

(b) The cost of the ship is expected to be finalised by the end of September, 1962, when the guarantee period will expire. It is expected to be about Rs. 196 lakhs.

(c) The ship is a convertible open/closed shelter decker type, cargo vessel of 12,379 DWT., with 17.2 knots speed. She has 5,000 cu. ft. of refrigerated cargo capacity and is fitted with deep tanks for the carriage of

edible oil. Alternating current, electric equipment of the latest design is provided for all domestic services and deck and other auxiliaries.

#### Shipping Industry

66. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Industry in India is suffering from lack of technical personnel;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) what action is being taken to improve the situation?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The needs of the Indian Shipping Industry for trained technical personnel were adequately met in 1961. Government are constantly reviewing the position with a view to meet the increasing demand for technical personnel for manning the fast expanding Indian Merchant Navy.

12 hrs.

#### PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

##### KARNAFULI DAM PROJECT IN EAST PAKISTAN

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): I beg to lay on the Table a statement regarding Karnafuli Dam Project in East Pakistan. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15].

Shri S. M. Banerjee (Kanpur): I have a submission to make about this particular statement. It has come in the Times of India that they are unilaterally commissioning this Karnafuli Dam. I want to know whether they have actually started the commissioning of the dam as they have mentioned in the paper. It is a very serious matter.

Mr. Speaker: The question that is being put is whether they have