

Bridge over Cauvery near Srirangapatnam

262. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of the bridge over the Cauvery river near Srirangapatnam, in Bangalore-Mysore section of the Southern Railway;

(b) when the work will be completed; and

(c) what is the total cost of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The overall progress of the three Railway Bridges Nos. 715, 716 and 718 across river Cauvery and Cauvery South near Srirangapatnam is about 40 per cent.

(b) The work is expected to be completed by April, 1963.

(c) The estimated cost of the entire scheme is Rs. 33.79 lakhs which includes a new station building at Srirangapatnam.

Railway-cum-Road Bridge near Nanjangud, S. Railway

263. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway-cum-road bridge near Nanjangud in Mysore-Nanjangud section of the Southern Railway is very old and was submerged under water during the floods in the year 1961-62; and

(b) whether a new bridge at a higher level will be constructed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The existing bridge which is a combined rail-cum-road bridge consists of 54 x 8 ft span arches and is fairly old. It was not submerged during 1961-62 floods but the water level touched the crown of the arches in July 1961, when all the trains were piloted by the Permanent Way Inspector.

(b) It is proposed to construct a new Railway Bridge and the work will be included in 1963-64 Works Programme of the Southern Railway. The Public Works Department of the State Government have also decided to construct a separate Road Bridge to avoid congestion of traffic on the Mysore-Ootacamund Road.

Medium Irrigation in Madhya Pradesh

264. Shri V. B. Deo: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the amount given by way of grants and loans for medium irrigation to Madhya Pradesh during the years 1959-60 and 1960-61 with particular reference to Surguja, Mandla and Raigarh?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim): Loans amounting to Rs. 516.28 lakhs and Rs. 736.65 lakhs for the year 1959-60 and 1960-61 respectively were given to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for their approved miscellaneous development schemes which, *inter-alia*, included only the 'Kedar Nala' irrigation scheme at Raigarh.

Minor Irrigation in Madhya Pradesh

265. Shri V. B. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount given by way of grants and loans for minor irrigation to Madhya Pradesh during the years 1959-60 and 1960-61 with particular reference to Surguja, Mandla and Raigarh?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): Under the revised procedure for rendering financial assistance to State Governments introduced in the year 1958-59, Central assistance admissible to various State Governments is sanctioned in bulk for a group of schemes under the head 'Agriculture' including Minor Irrigation and Land Development, and not separately for individual schemes. As such, it is not possible to indicate the amount of Central assistance given to the Government of Madhya