

entire power requirements of the Capital freely. The situation will improve when 20,000 kW of power from the Bhakra-Nangal system, expected to be available in June, 1962, is received. In case, the receipt of this quantum of power is delayed due to any reason, the situation would have to be met by enforcing restrictions in supply of power to the extent considered necessary.

Railway Booking Agencies in Hissar and Sirsa

313. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open railway booking agencies in the towns of Hissar and Sirsa; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No, as the opening of City Booking Agencies at these places is not justified either on financial grounds, or as a measure of public necessity, the facilities at the station being adequate.

Bridge near Hissar Railway Station

314. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to construct a railway bridge for public near Hissar Railway station; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). The provision of over/under-bridges across Railway line has to be sponsored by the State Government. The Railways undertake such works wherever the State Governments recommend and provide necessary funds to meet their share of the cost as per rules. There has been no proposal from the Government of Punjab for an over-bridge at Hissar during the Third Five Year Plan.

Construction of Rohtak-Bhiwani Railway Line

315. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to construct Rohtak-Bhiwani railway line in the near future;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative when Government intend to construct the said railway line?

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

(b) The proposal is not included in the railway's programme of construction of new lines for the Third Five Year Plan. With the limited financial resources, the chances of taking up this line for consideration in the near future are remote.

(c) Does not arise.

Traffic Problems in Dhanbad Town

316. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the movement of people and conveyances at Dhanbad are being seriously handicapped by the railway lines blocking the immediate passage to the town resulting in traffic congestion for a prolonged period; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any improved technique in the near future to do away with such acute public inconveniences?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There is some unavoidable detention to road traffic at Naya Bazar Level Crossing gate at Dhanbad.

(b) The proposal for a Road Over-bridge has been finalised, and the Government of Bihar has included the scheme in their Third Five Year Plan. The bridge proper will be constructed by the Railway and the sloping approaches to the bridge by the State Government. As far as the Railway's portion of the work is concerned, necessary provision has been made in the Works Programme for 1962-63, according to the priority given by the State Government.

डाक तथा तार विभाग की प्रतियोगिता परीक्षायें

३१७. { श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :
श्री जं० ब० सि० बिष्ट :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डाक तथा तार विभाग की प्रतियोगिता परीक्षार्थियों से अंग्रेजी में प्रश्नों के उत्तर मांगे जाते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) विभाग का काम अंग्रेजी में होता है । अतः परीक्षार्थियों को इस योग्य होना चाहिये कि वे अपने विचार अंग्रेजी में व्यक्त कर सकें ।

Pochampad and Srisailam Projects

318 { Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:
Shri Yallamanda Reddy:
Shri P. Venkatasubbajah:
Shrimati Yashoda Reddy:
Shrimati Vimla Devi:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will soon be an announcement regarding the acceptance of Pochampad and Srisailam projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim):

(a) The questions of announcing the acceptance of these projects can arise only after they have been technically cleared by the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

Procurement of Rice by Manipur

319. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Andhra rice procured by the State Trading of Manipur Administration;

(b) the rate per maund at which it was purchased including transport charges;

(c) the quantity of Andhra rice auctioned and the rate per maund at which it was auctioned;

(d) whether it has been detected that instead of the Andhra rice, local (Manipuri) rice was exported; and

(e) if so, action taken against the exporter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No Andhra rice was directly procured by the Manipur Administration. A quantity of 5,442 maunds of Andhra rice was, however, supplied from Central stocks along with other rice for distribution in the territory in 1960-61.

(b) The price of rice supplied from Central stocks was Rs. 16/- per maund, f.o.r. Manipur Road Railway Station. Adding the road transport and other incidental charges, its cost came to about Rs. 19.00 per maund at the godowns of the Manipur Administration.

(c) About 3,400 maunds of Andhra rice which remained unsold started showing signs of deterioration and was, therefore, put to auction in 1961 in two lots, one of which was sold