

economical if it is worked for only eight hours a day.

(d) The area irrigated varies from 200 acres to 400 acres.

Dam at Mainadhar on Barak River, Assam

198. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the necessary investigations regarding the proposed Earth Dam at Mainadhar on the Barak River, District Cachar, Assam has been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the probable date by which the construction work of the dam will be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) The investigations for the Barak Dam are in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Feasibility of the construction of a dam will be known only on completion of the investigations.

Telegraph and Public Call Office Facilities at Rudrampur

197. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to open a Public Call Office and provide telegraph facilities at Rudrampur, Kothagudium Taluk, Khammam District; and

(b) if so, when the same will be provided?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) June 1963; or earlier if possible.

Railway Siding between Ramagundam and Godavari Khani

198. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in completing the Railway siding between Ramagundam and Godavari Khani;

(b) when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) when the same will be opened for traffic?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) There is no delay on Railway's part in completing the siding between Ramagundam and Godavari Khani. Progress of the work has been held up as some of the bridges which are being constructed by the Colliery have not been completed. As soon as the bridges and earth work are completed, the railway will lay the siding.

(b) and (c) The siding is expected to be completed by November, 1962, and opened for traffic in December, 1962.

Distance Restriction on Third Class Passengers on Trains

199. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to impose distance restriction for third class passengers on Howrah| Madras Mail and Hyderabad|Howrah Express trains; and

(b) if so, the nature of such restrictions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). A statement giving the existing distance restrictions by Howrah| Madras Mail for third class passengers is given below. There is at present no proposal to impose any further restrictions by this train.