

On the 31st May, 1963, the strike was declared illegal by the Government under the Defence of India Rules. Thereafter, certain discussions were held between the Government of Goa and the representatives of the Mormugao Port, Dock and Transport Workers' Union. An agreement was reached on the 3rd June, 1963 and the strike was called off and the work was resumed in the morning of the 4th June, 1963. According to this agreement, the Mormugao Port, Dock and Transport Workers' Union accepted the scheme in principle as a step towards the formation of a Dock Labour Board, subject to certain modifications which were to be settled later by mutual discussions between the Labour Unions and the Mormugao Stevedores Association with the help of the Port Administration.

Balharshah—Vijayawada Track

1351. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1574 on the 6th April, 1963 and state:

(a) the extent of the 74 miles of track programmed for welding on the Balharshah and Vijayawada Section was welded up to the end of July, 1963;

(b) whether there is any proposal to relay the track between Kazipet and Vijayawada with 102 rails; and

(c) if so, when this work will be undertaken?

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

(a) Nil in track so far. Eight miles rails have been welded and are lying on cess ready for insertion in track.

(b) About 25 miles of track between Kazipet and Vijayawada have been programmed during 1963-64 for relaying with 105-lb. rails.

(c) The relaying work is expected to be taken in hand in October/November, 1963.

Bridge over Godavari

1352. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of works undertaken so far for constructing another bridge across river Godavari between Kovvur and Godavari Stations;

(b) whether any time schedule has been drawn for the various phases of work; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent during 1963-64?

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

(a) Engineering investigations have been completed and tenders for the construction of sub-structure of the bridge have been called for. Work is expected to be taken in hand in the next working season.

(b) Yes. The works have been so planned as to bring the second bridge into use by end of 1968.

(c) About Rs. 40 lakhs.

Bridge Across River Krishna

1353. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel structures and girders required for the second bridge across River Krishna near Vijayawada have since been procured;

(b) if not, when these are likely to be procured; and

(c) the amount spent so far on the project?

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

(a) The procurement arrangements for the steel required, have been completed. About 30 per cent of the mild steel has been received. Some of the high tensile steel, which is being imported, has also been shipped.