सरकारी प्रयोग के लिये कोई नया १० नये पैसे वाला सर्विस टिकट निकालने का विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये टिकट कब निकाले जायेंगे और आरम्भ में ये किन खजानों में उपलब्ध होंगे ; और

(ग) ये टिकट किस उद्देश्य से जारी किये जा रहे हैं ?

डाक व तार मंत्री (श्री अ० कु० सेन): (क) और (ख). १० नये पैसे का नया सरकारी डाक-टिकट पहले से ही २० अगस्त, १९६३ को चालू कर दिया गया है और इस टिकट की सप्लाई अब सभी सरकारी खजानों में उपलब्ध है ।

(ग) यह टिकट इसलिये चालू किया गया है क्योंकि १ मई, १९६३ से लागू बुक-पोस्ट की नई दरों, साथ ही सरकारी विभागों द्वारा निजी तौर पर छापे गये अन्तर्देशीय पत्र-कार्डों पर डाक-टिकट लगाने के लिये इसकी आवश्यकता थी ।

Bridges in Silchar Shillong Road

1414. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 368 on the 2nd March, 1963, and state:

(a) the progress of works on bridge over river 'Lubha';

(b) the special measures taken to bridge the other three major rivers on the Passi-Badarpur Section of the Silcher Shillong road; and

(c) whether any foreign exchange difficulties stand in the way of speedy completion of the work of all these bridges and if so, the measures taken to overcome these difficulties?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The estimate for the construction of a bridge over the river Lubha was sanctioned by the Government of India in October 1957. Owing to the difficulty in finding suitable contractors, the construction work could not be commenced soon after the sanction was accorded. The Assam Public Works Department have, however, been successful in finding a firm to undertake the work. The contract was awarded in September 1962. Preliminary arrangements for commencing the construction are in progress and the actual work is expected to be started in the next working season after the monsoons.

(b) The estimates for the other three bridges namely, Gumra, Apha and Baleshwar were approved by the Government of India in August 1956, October 1958 and August 1955, respectively. Gumra bridge is in an advanced stage of progress while in the case of the other two bridges, preliminary arrangements are in hand. The State Government have been requested to ensure the completion of the bridges as early as possible.

(c) The scheduled dates of completion of the Apha and Lubha bridges were the end of June 1965, and the end of December 1965, respectively. There was a proposal to have these bridges completed one year ahead of schedule by making an additional payment of Rs. 1.78 lakhs, with a foreign exchange component of £500. The proposal was not accepted after a careful consideration of all aspects.

जवार का मूल्य

१४१५. श्री दे० शि० पाटिल: क्या **खाद्य तथा कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने जवार का न्यूनतम मूल्य निश्चित कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो भिन्न भिन्न राज्यों में और भिन्न भिन्न स्थानों पर क्या न्यूनतम मूल्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार जवार का न्यूनतम मूल्य बढ़ाने का विचार कर रही है ; और