

Bahadur: (a) The pavement of National Highway No. 37 was laid in a hurry during the Second World War. The thickness of the pavement was only 3 to 4 inches. No scientific investigations appear to have been done before laying this pavement.

(b) The Government of India are already aware that the pavement as laid during the War is inadequate for the present day traffic and the road has, therefore, developed corrugations. In certain stretches the thickness of pavement has already been increased to about 12 inches to cater to the present day traffic and it is now proposed to widen and strengthen the pavement of the entire length of this National Highway.

The work of strengthening the pavement is carried out as and when funds become available. Due to lack of funds it is many a time not possible to provide full thickness of pavement as required from design considerations. The problems relating to this road are simple and do not require any special consultation with the Central Road Research Institute.

Air Services to Assam

150. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines have recently stopped plying to North Lakhimpur, Assam and a private airlines has been allowed to ply there;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to develop Agartala Aerodrome immediately to facilitate easy landing of aircraft during rainy season?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aerodrome at Agartala has already two all weather runways.

First Class Accommodation in Trains

151. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no First class accommodation in some passenger trains; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) First class accommodation has not been provided on some passenger trains as there is no traffic justification for this class by those trains and also as a matter of policy on Janta trains.

कानपुर के निकट गंगा पर पुल

१५२. श्री मोहन स्वरूप : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कानपुर के निकट रेलवे विभाग द्वारा गंगा पर निर्मित पुल में दरारें पड़ गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या पुल की मरम्मत सम्भव है; और

(ग) मरम्मत पर कुल कितना रुपया व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बॅ रामस्वामी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Sugar Quota for Punjab

153. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab has recently sought an increase in its quota of sugar;