

Balangir town (South-Eastern Railway) as the Balangir Station is too far from the town;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the people in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). No.

(c) Does not arise.

Road Under-Bridge, Near Titlagarh Station

**3565. Shri R. R. Singh Deo:
Shri Dhirendranath:
Shri P. K. Deo:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the people to have a road under-bridge near the Titlagarh Railway Station on the South-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposed under-bridge is not considered feasible as it would be very difficult and costly to arrange adequate drainage for it on account of the surrounding terrain being at a higher level.

Senior and Junior Administrative Officers

3566. Shri Arjan Singh Bhadoria: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum permissible period of stay for Senior and Junior Administrative Officers on a particular Railway;

(b) the total number of such officers on the North Eastern Railway, Headquarters who have crossed the permissible time limit; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) No specific period of stay has been prescribed.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Mineral Exploration with U.S. Aid

**3567. Shri Bhogendra Jha:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a scheme, in consultation with the U.S. Agency for International Development for a multi-purpose mineral exploration of the country;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme;

(d) whether the contract for the exploration work has been given to an American engineering Company;

(e) if so, the terms of the contract; and

(f) when the scheme is expected to be implemented?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The scheme envisages airborne surveys of the following three selected regions which are of considerable importance for locating new resources of non-ferrous metals:

1. Aravalli region in Rajasthan.
2. Eastern Cuddapah basin in Andhra Pradesh.
3. Mica belt and Ranchi Plateau in Bihar.

These three areas cover an extent of 120,000 sq. kms. The surveys will be carried out by combined magnetometric, electromagnetic and radiometric methods. In the event of promising zones being located the air borne survey operation will be followed up by work on the ground which will comprise geological, geophysical and