

the cost (both initial as well as recurring) involved.

(b) to (d). There are no proposals from the State Government for construction of culverts on Rajpetgarh-Talcher Section. However, in the State of Orissa, there is a proposal for a culver at km. 371/651 between Manjuri Road and Baltarani Road stations of Bhadrak-Khurda Road Section. The estimate for this work is under finalisation. The work will be taken in hand after the estimate is accepted by the State Government and the funds for the work are deposited by them.

Work is also in progress for a canal crossing between Khaliapali and Lolsingha on Sambalpur-Titlagarh section and the work is likely to be completed by December, 1980.

**बनारस-छपरा रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलना**

2859. प्रो० मन्मथेव सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस से छपरा तक की रेल लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस पर कार्य कब प्रारम्भ किया जाएगा और कार्य कब तक पूर्ण हो जायेगा, और

(ग) यदि ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है तो क्या सरकार का बनारस छपरा रेल लाइन को यथाशीघ्र बड़ी लाइन में बदलने के सम्बन्ध में एक योजना बनाने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :  
(क) से (ग) : 206 कि० मी० लम्बी वाराणसी-छपरा पीटर लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने के सम्बन्ध में परिचालनिक आवश्यकताओं का पता लगाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण का काम जारी है। आशा है कि रिपोर्ट शीघ्र ही तैयार हो जायेगी और उसके बाद निर्णय लिया जायेगा।

“ओलम्पिक-विरोधी गतिविधियों में सी० आई० ए० सक्रिय” - शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत समाचार

2860. श्री भगवान देव : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 19 जून, 1980 के “हिन्दुस्तान” में “ओलम्पिक-विरोधी गतिविधियों में सी० आई० ए० सक्रिय” शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) :  
सरकार ने 19 जून, 1980 के “हिन्दुस्तान” में प्रकाशित यह खबर देखी है।

(ख) और (ग) : बूँकि खेलों का आयोजन अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ओलम्पिक समिति द्वारा किया जाना है, जो कि सरकारों से स्वतन्त्र निकाय हैं, इसलिए सिद्धान्त यह उक्त समिति का ही कर्तव्य है कि यह इस प्रकार की गतिविधियों पर ध्यान रखे। सरकार यह उम्मीद करती है कि खेलों को राजनीति से अलग रखा जायेगा।

### Foreign Secretary's visit to China

2861. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY :

SHRI P. M. SAYEED :

SHRI CHIRANJJI LAL SHARMA :

SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Chinese Foreign Minister has been invited to visit India;

(b) if so, whether he has agreed to visit India;

(c) whether Secretary of our Ministry went to Peking to have discussions with the Chinese leaders for the subjects that will come up for discussions;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether any concrete subjects which will be discussed with the Foreign Minister of China during his visit to India have been finalised?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Chinese Foreign Minister is to visit India at our invitation to reciprocate the visit to China made by our then Minister of External Affairs in February, 1979.

(c) The Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs visited Peking to discuss matters of mutual interest with the Chinese authorities.

(d) The visit helped in both sides obtaining a better understanding of each other's views on international and bilateral issues.

(e) The agenda for the talks during the visit of the Foreign Minister of China has not yet been finalised but it is expected that all matters of mutual interest will be discussed with him.

#### Wagons for movement of foodgrains

2862. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have accorded a top priority to the Food Corporation of India and other official agencies in the allocation of wagons for movement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether it has been alleged that wagons for transportation of foodgrains were being freely made available to private traders whereas the food stock produced by the Food Corporation of India is kept in the open;

(c) whether enquiries have revealed that this has resulted in an imbalance in allocation of wagons and it had on the one hand encouraged the private trade to make larger purchase and on the other hand adversely affected purchase by the State agencies; and

(d) whether any formula has been evolved for the allotment of wagons to private and Government agencies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). No.

(d) Wagons are allocated on the basis of priority and seniority of indenters subject to observation of operational restrictions in force from time to time. The demand from Food Corporation of India is placed in Priority 'B', whereas the demand from the trade is placed in Priority 'D'.

#### New Look to projects Old and New

2863. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHACK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to give a new look to the projects old and new which were likely to cost Rs. 900 crores;

(b) if so, whether these projects include 30 new rail lines and 45 gauge conversion schemes; and

(c) if so, whether any final decision has been arrived at in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). There are 26 new line projects and 15 gauge conversion schemes in progress in 1980-81 (approved before 31-3-1980), with an aggregate length of 5640 kms. These are dispersed all over India. Conversion of Suratgarh-Bhatinda MG section into BG, Hasan-Mangalore new MG rail link, new BG link from Shahdara to Shamli, Trivandrum-Nagercoil-Kanyakumari new BG line, Rohtak-Bhiwani new BG line have already been completed and opened to traffic. Residual works on these lines are in progress. As the first phase of Viramgam-Okha-Porbandar gauge conversion scheme the portion from Viramgam to Hapa has also been opened to BG traffic during this month. The remaining projects will be progressively completed one by one from 1980-81 onwards.

All these projects are estimated to cost Rs. 900 crores and an expenditure