

[Translation]**Unmanned Railway Crossings in Maharashtra**

2581. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accidents take place frequently on unmanned railway crossings;

(b) the number of unmanned railway crossings in Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government propose to construct speed breakers on both sides of such unmanned crossings so that all vehicles move there slowly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): No, Sir. There are 22,186 unmanned level crossings on the Indian Railway and during the year 1984-85, 43 accidents occurred at such level crossings.

(b) There are about 276 unmanned level crossings in Maharashtra.

(c) Instructions exist from the Ministry of Shipping and Transport to the State Governments to provide speed breakers on approaches to unmanned level crossings.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]**Study of Ground Water Resources in Tribal Belt**

2582. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ground Water Board has taken

up a project to study the availability of ground water in the tribal belt; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) and (b): The Central Ground Water Board, with the assistance of UNDP, has taken up a project for assessment of ground water potential and preparation of plans for further development in an area of 29,700 sq. km. in Kasai and Subernrekha river basins in the States of Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa. The studies in the project would cover 24,550 sq. km. area categorised as tribal in these States. Detailed surveys and exploration for ground water with the help of drilling, geophysical surveys as well as other advanced techniques are being carried out under this project. Over 100 experimental tubewells would be drilled and the successful tubewells would be handed over to the State Governments for utilisation and recommendations on locations of prospective areas for ground water development and dugwell and tubewell sites will be made to the State Governments.

Bridge Over Chambal River Near Kota on Jaipur-Jabalpur National Highway.

2583. SHRI JUJHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bridge over river Chambal on the Jaipur-Jabalpur National Highway near Kota is under construction for many years;

(b) if so, whether the progress of construction of this bridge is very slow and when it is expected to be ready to take the traffic; and

(c) whether the diversion of the heavy traffic on the Kota-Dam Irrigation road during rainy season and