

**MANSI-SABARSA RAILWAY LINE**

629. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to improve the Railway line running from Mansi to Saharsa (North Eastern Railway) in Bihar in order to extend facilities to the passengers during the Monsoon?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the same?

(c) Is the 'Kursela Bridge' on the same line to be expanded and improved?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Atagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) Out of the 3 existing dips between Mansi and Koparia, it is proposed to fill the first dip so as to enable the train to go up to 6½ miles from Mansi and thus reduce the journey to be covered in country boats.

(c) There is no proposal at present to expand the Kursela Bridge. Model experiments are, however, being arranged with a view to improving its protection works.

**SALOONS**

631. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of saloons in Assam part of the North Eastern Railway;

(b) how far these are surplus to requirements of the Assam part of the said Railway; and

(c) how far upper class bogies are in short supply in Assam part of the Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Atagesan):** (a) There are now four bogie and sixteen six wheeler Inspection Carriages.

(b) None is surplus to requirements.

(c) Upper class bogies are not in short supply in Assam part of the North Eastern Railway.

**ETTICKULAM PORT**

632. **Shri N. P. Damodaran:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have at any time considered the possibility of developing a major port at Ettikkulam  
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on the West Coast, north of Cannanore;

(b) whether any representations have been received by Government for developing Ettikkulam into a major port;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what action Government have taken about the representations; and

(d) whether any investigations have been made about the possibility of developing a major Port at Ettikkulam?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Atagesan):** (a) and (b). No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No.

**EXPORT OF RICE FROM ORISSA**

633. **Shri Sanjanaa:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantities of rice exported from Orissa to each deficit State of India during each of the last five years;

(b) the total amounts paid by each deficit State as the cost of rice supplied to them for the same period; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy granted to the State of Orissa for its rationed rice shops for the same period?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 27.]

(b) Information is not available.

(c) There is no subsidy granted to any state for its rationed rice shops.

**PULLAMPETA HALT**

634. **Dr. Gangadhar Siva:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received to the effect that Pullampeta Halt in Cuddapah district should be made a regular station;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative what action has been taken in the matter;

(c) whether any traffic survey has been taken and if so, what are the details of that survey and the period to which it extended;