

FORBESGANJ-RAGHOPUR RAILWAY LINE

1071. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question No. 145 asked on the 18th February, 1953 regarding Forbesganj-Raghopur Railway line and state:

(a) the names of the flowing channels of the Kosi River that fall on the way;

(b) for how many years the said area is free from annual visitation of Kosi floods; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of restoration of the Railway line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The following 13 flowing channels of the Kosi river fall in the way:—

- (1) Chukradhar.
- (2) Bhrhi Dhar.
- (3) Sawraw Dhar.
- (4) Khuwria Dhar.
- (5) Sursur River.
- (6) Chear Nulla.
- (7) Genra Dhar.
- (8) Kosi Old Bed (1st crossing).
- (9) Buchahia.
- (10) Kosi Old Bed (2nd crossing).
- (11) Bells Dhar.
- (12) Burhar Dhar.
- (13) Two unnamed nullas near Raghupur.

(b) Detailed records are not available with the railway.

(c) Rs. 1 crore approximately.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER RIVER GONDAK

1072. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the last about sixteen years, no attempt had been made to reconstruct the Railway bridge over the River Gondak between Chhitanni Ghat and Bagaha stations on the N. E Railway; and

(b) whether its reconstruction will begin in the year 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) In 1925 the River Gondak outflanked this railway bridge and a new bridge to suit the present regime of the river has been considered but not yet approved.

(b) No.

DAMAGE TO TRAINER AIRCRAFT

1073. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether a two-seater single-engined trainer aircraft of the Hind Flying Club was damaged on a landing strip on the 27th February, 1953?

(b) Has an inquiry been instituted?

(c) If so, with what result?

(d) What were the causes of the accident and who are responsible for this?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The accident is still under investigation.

S. K. G. SUGAR MILL LTD, MIRGUNJ

1074. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the S. K. G. Sugar Mill Ltd., Mirgunj (Saran, Bihar) has sought permission to lay its tramway lines for facilitating transport to and from Bhorey and Katia Thanas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the application for the above-mentioned permission has been supported by the Government of Bihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said scheme has now been held up for want of the said permission; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to give the required permission?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) and (d). The scheme is at present under the consideration of the Government.

MOBILE HEALTH UNITS

1075. **Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many, out of the rupees five lakhs provided in the budget for 1953-54, mobile health units for rural areas are expected to be provided, and how they are proposed to be allotted State-wise; and

(b) whether these will be distributed only through States or whether they will be distributed direct to individual institutions also?