

**EXTENSIONS TO RAILWAY STAFF**

**779. Shri P. Subba Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many employees in the Eastern Railway in the former B. N. Railway portion have been given extensions or re-appointments in 1952-53 and since 1st April, 1953?

(b) If so, what are the reasons for such extensions or re-appointments?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Number of staff granted extension of service—Nil.

Number of staff re-appointed during 1952-53—4.

Number of staff re-appointed since 1st April 1953 to 8th September 1953—12.

(b) The employees concerned could not be replaced suitably due to shortage of experienced and trained staff.

**हुगली नदी में अकारा के स्थान पर ठोकर (स्पर)**

**७८०. श्रीरघुनाथ सिंह:** क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या खडकवास्ला के केन्द्रीय जल तथा विद्युत् अनुसन्धान केन्द्र ने हुगली नदी में अकारा के स्थान पर १३०० फुट की एक ठोकर (स्पर) बनाने का कोई सुझाव दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित ठोकर पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) इस ठोकर से क्या लाभ होने की आशा है ; और

(घ) इस ठोकर के कितने समय में पूरा होने की आशा है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, the length of the proposed spur is 1,200 feet.

(b) Rs. 34.53 lakhs.

(c) The construction of the spur is expected to improve the navigable channel in the Sankrail reach of the River Hooghly.

(d) By September, 1954.

**KADUR—MANGALORE RAILWAY LINE**

**781. Shri Siddananjappa:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a demand for the construction of Kadur—Chikmagalur—Sakalaspur—Mangalore Railway line in Mysore and Madras States?

(b) If so, what steps have Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

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

(b) With a view to examining the justification and prospects of this project, a survey is to be undertaken for a line from Mangalore to Hassan in the first instance. The construction of a line from Kadur to Sakalaspur via Chikmagalur will be considered, after a decision has been taken in the Mangalore-Hassan line.

**HOTELS ON PLATFORMS**

**782. Shri P. Subba Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the licence-fees charged from contractors of vegetarian and non-vegetarian hotels on the platforms of the Eastern Railway;

(b) the rates for meals charged from passengers;

(c) the reasons for different charges, if any; and

(d) the steps the Railway Authorities propose to take to maintain uniform rates for meals?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The hon. Member is presumably refer-