

(c) No.

## NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

371. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what changes are proposed in National Highway No. 7 as a result of the Tungabhadra Project?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The Tungabhadra project (with a dam site near Hospet) does not affect National Highway No. 7. The hon. Member is presumably referring to the proposed Krishna-Pennar project. If, as is likely, the dam site of this project is located at Sidheswaram, a substantial length of National Highway No. 7 along the route via Kurnool would be submerged. It has, therefore, been decided tentatively to take this National Highway through Madhavaram and Raichur.

## MINOR PORTS IN KUTCH

372. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the re-organised administrative set-up for the minor ports in Kutch?

(b) Is this administration self-supporting?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Excluding Kandla which is being developed into a major port, the minor ports in Kutch, namely Mandvi, Mundra, Jakhau, Koteswar and Lakhpat are administered by the Chief Commissioner, Kutch, through a Port Commissioner and Harbour Engineer.

(b) Yes, the minor ports administration in Kutch is self supporting in regard to its revenue expenditure but loans are being granted to it to meet expenditure on certain improvement works.

## रेलवे लाइनों

३७३. **सेठ गोबिन्द दास :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी से जून, १९५३ तक के काल में कितने मील लम्बी नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाई गईं ; तथा

(ख) इस प्रकार बनाई गई नई रेलवे लाइनों के नाम क्या हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The following Railway lines have been opened during the period January to June, 1953:—

- (i) Diggi-Tordi Sagar, 13 miles, opened on 12-5-1953.
- (ii) Shoranur-Angadipuram, 17.50 miles, opened on 16-4-1953.
- (iii) Vasad-Kathana, 26.60 miles, opened on 10-6-1953.

Further, surveys for those now lines which are proposed to be taken up during the Plan period and which have not so far been surveyed, are expected to start from next month.

## साप्ताहिक वापसी टिकट

३७४. **सेठ गोबिन्द दास :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाएंगे कि किन किन रेलों पर साप्ताहिक वापसी टिकट प्रचलित किये गये हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to concessional week-end return tickets. It so, no railway has introduced such tickets.

## प्लेट-फार्मों का विस्तार

३७५. **सेठ गोबिन्द दास :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९५३-५४ में जून के महीने तक कितने रेलवे स्टेशनों और प्लेट-फार्मों का सुधार व विस्तार किया जा चुका है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

## SOIL EROSION

376. **Shri Barman:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Central