

### KHWANG-MORASS LINE TO DIBRUGARH

2324. **Shri K. P. Tripathi** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to extend the Khwang-Morass line to Dibrugarh ?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri)** : The hon. Member is perhaps referring to the Khowang-Moranhat Section. There is no proposal at present for its extension to Dibrugarh.

### RIVER CONSERVANCY

2325. **Shri K. P. Tripathi** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1589 on the 20th April, 1956 and state :

(a) the proposals for dredging and river conservancy operations in the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers ;

(b) whether they have been accepted ; and

(c) whether the river maintenance of Brahmaputra is to be taken up as Central responsibility ?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri)** : (a) and (b). The following proposals relating to dredging and river conservancy have been included in the Second Five Year Plan :—

(1) Dredging of Key shoals and approaches to important river ghats on the Brahmaputra.

(2) Snag-clearing on the Brahmaputra.

(3) Installation of automatic beacons for Night navigation on the Brahmaputra.

(c) No. The schemes mentioned above have been included in the Second Five Year Plan of the Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board, which functions with financial assistance from the Central and State Governments.

### PETROLEUM TRANSPORT

2326. { **Shri K. P. Tripathi** :  
**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma** :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps, if any, under contemplation for transporting petroleum found in Naharkatiya (Assam)?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri)** : The matter has not yet been finalised.

### FAMILY PLANNING

2327. **Shri Madiah Gowda** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who are benefited from the Family Planning Centre at Ramanagaram, Mysore, from the time of its starting uptil now; and

(b) the amount of money spent during this period ?

**The Minister without Portfolio (Shri V. K. Krishna Menon)** : (a) 1102.

(b) Rs. 1,21,049.

### BEGGARS ON TRAINS

2328. **Shri Veeraswamy** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether any raids were carried out by Railway Police to prevent beggar nuisance at Railway Stations on Indian Railways in the months of January, February and March 1956 ;

(b) if so, the names of the Zonal Railways where such raids were conducted ;

(c) the number of beggars apprehended on each Railway ; and

(d) whether any beggars were given punishment ?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri)** : (a) Yes.

(b) Eastern, South-Eastern, Western and Southern.