

age. The capacity of the press was utilised in clearing arrears of these important items.

(a) The said press has 2 rotary, 6 cylinder and 4 platen type printing machines and no machine remained idle for want of work.

Steam Locomotives in Operation

566. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many steam locomotives are in operation on the Indian Railways;

(b) whether there is a scarcity of spare parts in various steam locomotives which hamper repair of steam engines;

(c) whether production of steam engine spare parts has been stopped; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 8,122 Steam locomotives are in service on Indian Railways.

(b) While Railways are geared to ensure adequate availability of spares to sheds for maintenance of locomotives, of late, the position has received a set back due to severe shortage of electrical power which has resulted in a reduction in the production capacity of Railways Workshops and availability of trade items from industry.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Second Bridge under Construction on Hooghly River

567. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a second bridge is under construction on Hooghly connecting Howrah and Calcutta;

(b) if so, since when the work of construction started;

(c) what were the different targets of completion of construction work; and

(d) what is the present stage of construction work and when is it expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is however a State project being executed by West Bengal Govt. with Central loan assistance.

(b) to (d). According to information furnished by the State Govt., the position is as under:

	Year of commencement	Completion target	Latest progress
(i) Approaches and interchange on Calcutta side.	June '72	Dec. '82	About 20%
(ii) Approaches and interchange and Howrah side.	Sept '72	June '83	About 10%
(iii) Main bridge	Dec. '78	Dec. '83	About 11%

Strike by Doctors and Nurses of AIIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

568. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KOCHACK:

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:

SHRI N. E. HORO:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Resident Doctors of All India Institute of Medical Scien-