

state the amount spent on protection works on the Railway line between Fakirgram—Amingaon (Assam) section of the North Eastern Railway during 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Rs 10 lakhs

Hostel for Railway Employees' Children

*726. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether land for the construction of a subsidized Hostel for 200 children of Railway Employees Schooling at Secunderabad has since been acquired;

(b) if so, when the construction of the building will commence; and

(c) when it is likely to be opened for admission?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) It is not proposed to acquire land for the purpose as land will be made available at Lallaguda

(b) Estimate and plans are under preparation

(c) After the building is ready

Nagarjunasagar Project

*727. Shri Ball Reddy: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the funds allotted for the Nagarjunasagar project by the Central Government for 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): An amount of Rs 396 lakhs was advanced as loan for the execution of the Nagarjunasagar Project during the year 1956-57. A provision for Rs. 550 lakhs has been made in the Central Government budget for 1957-58 for the purpose of advancing loans to the Andhra Pradesh Government in connection with the execution of the Nagarjunasagar Project

Kurduwadi-Miraj Railway Line

*728. Shri Sonawane: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far by the survey party on the narrow gauge line of the Central Railway between Kurduwadi and Miraj Railway Stations;

(b) the time that will be taken to complete this survey;

(c) whether the Railway authorities have plans to divert the present routes of the existing line; and

(d) if so, at what points and for what reasons?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Field work is roughly 70 per cent done and is expected to be completed in July-August, 1957. It is expected the reports of the Engineering and Traffic Surveys will be ready by the end of December, 1957

(c) and (d) In order to obtain better river crossings, flatter gradients and easier curves suited to the Broad Gauge, certain deviations from the existing alignment are under consideration. The Railway has been advised to give due consideration to suggestions for alternative alignment.

G. T. Express

*730. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the inordinate late running of the G. T. Express from Madras to Delhi and Delhi to Madras during last two months; and

(b) the steps taken to run the train to the schedule?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 109.]