

Bridge Over the Khowai (Tripura)

1496. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract was given for supplying bricks for the construction of bridge over Khowai River (Tripura);

(b) whether the quality of bricks supplied was found unsatisfactory; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bhadur): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). About 10 per cent. of the bricks supplied were found to be below the specification stipulated in the contract. These have been rejected and the contractor has been asked to remove them from site.

Cement Depot, Golden Rock

1497. **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of workers in the Reinforced Concrete Cement Depot, Golden Rock, have been retrenched;

(b) if so, the total number of workers retrenched; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Milch Cattle in New Delhi

1498. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a scheme to house the milch cattle which are at present being kept in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) The Delhi Milk Supply Scheme provides for a cattle colony to re-house commercial herds of milch animals, which are kept in Delhi (including New Delhi) at present, but are to be removed from the city.

(b) The cattle colony will provide accommodation for between 2,000 to 3,000 milch animals which are kept in herds of 10 or more for commercial milk production. Housing will be provided for the milch animals, their followers and their owners, for which a monthly rent will be charged. Milkmen will be supplied with their requirements of feed and fodder. Veterinary and breeding facilities for their milch animals will also be made available. The milk produced by the milch animals will be purchased by the Delhi Milk Supply Scheme for sale in the city. An area of 1225 acres of agricultural land will be necessary to grow the fodder requirements of the cattle colony. The total cost of the scheme is estimated at Rs. 90.69 lakhs.

Money Orders from Patna Post-Office

1499. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that several money orders sent from Patna (Bihar) have been under-paid to the payees i.e., less than the amount sent;

(b) whether it is a fact that several complaints were made by the senders; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to bring the culprits to book and to pay the balance to the payees?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Only two cases came to notice, and one of them pertained to a telegraphic Money Order from Hazaribagh payable at Patna.

(b) and (c). Only one complaint was received from Shri Bajrang Sahai, Advocate, Kadam Kuan, Patna on 27th