

(e) Rs. 421.85 lakhs out of which the amount of Rs. 34.01 lakhs is on account of Mandra Bhaun Railway which was purchased on 1-4-1947 and remained in West Pakistan as a result of Partition.

Bombay-Agra National Highway

716. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen the Bombay-Agra National Highway; and

(b) if so, when the work is to begin?

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

(b) During the Second Five Year Plan period, depending on the availability of funds.

Electrification of Rayagada Station

717. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 536 on the 31st May, 1957 in respect of electrification of the Rayagada Railway Station and state whether the delay in the supply of electric power to the Station is due to any difference as regards the tariff price of the power between the Government of India and the Government of Orissa?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 36.]

Telephones in Tripura

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

(a) how many applications for new telephone connections are waiting for disposal in Tripura at present;

(b) whether sanctioning of new telephone connections has been stopped throughout the Assam circle; and

(c) if so, when Government propose to renew it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 90.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Foot-Board Travel on Trains

719. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons injured by falling from the foot-boards of trains on different railways during the last ten years or as far as information is available; and

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to prevent such accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Records are not available for the full period of last 10 years; but the available information is given in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 37.]

(b) The steps taken by the Government are:

(1) Additional trains and carriages are run to the extent feasible to avoid overcrowding.

(2) Posters printed in different local languages, emphasising the dangers of foot-board travelling, are exhibited at stations.

(3) Passengers are also warned through the medium of loudspeakers installed at the important stations of the dangers involved in foot-board travelling.

(4) Station Masters and Guards and members of the Railway Protection Force and the Rail-