

that the Purna River Project in the Marathwada region of Bombay has been dropped from the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Brow Bridge

982. { Shri Hem Raj:  
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to widen the bridges at Luri and Brow (Rampur) on river Sutlej in Mahasu District (Himachal Pradesh) to make them motorable for through vehicular traffic;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct another bridge at the upper end of Rampur Bazaar (North);

(c) whether any representation has been received by Government from the people of that area; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). There is no proposal to widen the existing bridge at Luri. It is, however, proposed to construct a new single-lane motorable bridge at Luri during the current Five-Year Plan. No representation has been received from the people of the area for widening the existing bridge at Luri.

The bridge at Brow (Rampur) is under the control of the Government of Punjab. The Government of India are not concerned with the question of widening this bridge or that of constructing a new bridge.

#### Work on Ex-O.T.R. Section

983. Shri Anirudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay

on the Table a statement showing the following works done in the ex-O.T.R. Section of the North Eastern Railway between the period from the 1st April, to the 31st October, 1957:

(i) addition of passenger coaches to relieve over-crowding;

(ii) the mileage of lines doubled;

(iii) the mileage of new lines laid; and

(iv) the number and names of new crossing stations opened and new marshalling yards constructed or enlarged?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 32.]

#### New Telephone Connections

984. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many applications for telephone connections were received at Delhi in 1955, 1956 and 1957 as far as available?

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

1955	1186.
1956	3153
1957 upto 31-10-1957	2051.

#### Delhi Displaced Persons' Colonies

985. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many owners in the Delhi Displaced Persons' Colonies have applied to Government during 1957 to alter their structures in accordance with the originally approved plans; and

(b) how many applications have been granted?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). No application from owners of houses in Displaced Persons' Colonies for altering their structures was received by Government. The New Delhi Municipal Committee and the Delhi Development (Provisional) Authority however, received 994 applications from