

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) the estimated cost of the bridge;

(d) when the work is likely to be taken up; and

(e) the time by which it will be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Automatic Telephone Exchange at Ferozepore

1038. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for installing Automatic Telephone Exchange at Ferozepore; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise

Ticketless Travelling

1039. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the passengers in Jaunpur-Aunrihar line (North-Eastern Railway) travel without tickets;

(b) whether it is a fact that tickets are not issued to passengers by booking clerks and are issued somewhere just before the arrival of trains;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Guard, Travelling Tickets Examiners and the Ticket Collectors on this line take the charges of the tickets from the passengers but do not issue even folio tickets (receipts);

(d) whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the matter and take adequate action against the culprits, and

(e) the measures Government propose to take to prevent such ticketless travels?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Only two cases of this nature came to light in 1956-57 and adequate action is being taken in both cases against staff responsible.

(e) It is proposed to make surprise checks from time to time.

Bikramgunj-Ballia Line

1040. Shri Radhamohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a new rail link between Bikramgunj in Bihar and Ballia and Doharighat in U.P. via Buxar;

(b) whether the importance of the proposed route has been studied in the light of its service and utility to the people of two backward areas in U.P. and Bihar; and

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to examine it and carry out a survey thereof in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). No, Sir. It is not proposed to survey the line at present.

Bridges on National Highways

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

(a) the number of road bridges proposed to be constructed on National Highways during the Second Five Year Plan in West Bengal; and

(b) the names of the places and amount allotted for each?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required infor-