

(c) So long as part of the labour required for handling cargo on shore is engaged by the contractors no uniform wage-rate can be ensured. The shore labour engaged directly by the Port Trust is proposed to be brought under a Piece-rate Scheme evolved by a Tripartite Committee which submitted its report on the 9th November, 1957. This Committee has recommended that the labour engaged in the handling of exports also should be taken over by the Port Trust and brought under the Piece-rate Scheme. When this recommendation is implemented the labour engaged through contractors will be appreciably reduced.

महेन्द्र घाट पर स्टीमरों को टक्कर

*४७६. श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पटना में महेन्द्रघाट पर हाल में हुई स्टीमरों की टक्कर के फलस्वरूप कितने व्यक्ति गंगा में डूब गये या घायल हुए ;

(ख) इस दुर्घटना के लिये कौन उत्तरदायी है ; और

(ग) इस दुर्घटना के फलस्वरूप जिन व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई उनके परिवारों को और घायल व्यक्तियों को सरकार किस प्रकार की सहायता देने का विचार कर रही है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) :

(क) से(ग) जो सूचना मांगी गयी है उसका ज्ञान सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।
[वेकिये परिशिष्ट II, अनुबन्ध संख्या ७२]

Additional Railway Lines

579. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government have taken into consideration the probable fall in rail traffic, due to regional self-sufficiency in food production, and other raw materials diminishing in volume due to on-spot processing or semi-

processing, while providing for new or additional lines in the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Rs. 1125 crore Railway Plan provides for an increase in freight traffic of 42 million tons during the Second Plan as under:—

(a) Steel including coal	25 million tons.
(b) Coal excluding requirements for steel	6 " "
(c) Cement	4 " "
(d) Miscellaneous	7 " "
Total	42 " "

From the above it will be seen that the impact of traffic in foodgrains has not been separately provided for but is grouped with the miscellaneous traffic, item (d). The provision made for such traffic is so small that no reduction on this account is called for.

The Plan provides for construction of 842 miles of new lines to suit:—

- (i) the operational requirements; and
- (ii) the requirements of the expansion in steel and coal industries.

Minor Irrigation Schemes in Tripura

580. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor irrigation projects recommended by the Directorate of Agriculture of Tripura to be taken up;

(b) the reasons for not taking up these projects; and

(c) whether shortage of rainfall during this year has added importance to these irrigation projects to a great extent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No Minor Irrigation Projects have so