

the pressure of overcrowding of III class passengers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) On certain sections between Bhilai and Rourkela, there is overcrowding to some extent on certain trains.

(b) Due to lack of line capacity on the Rourkela-Drug section, it is not feasible to run at present any additional train. However, certain steps have been taken, consistent with the availability of coaches and train room, to provide additional accommodation on existing trains as indicated below:

Date of Introduction Extent of additional accommodation provided

6-5-57 Nos. 321 Up/322 Dn and 323 Up/324 Dn. Howrah-Nagpur passenger trains have been augmented by two third class bogie coaches between Kharagpur and Nagpur.

1-10-57 Two third class bogie coaches and one composite second and third class bogie coach which were running on Nos. 19 Up/410 Dn Kharagpur-Nagpur Parcel Express between Kharagpur and Jambuguda have been extended to end from Nagpur.

1-11-57 One third class bogie coach and composite first and third class bogie coach have been added to No. 323 Up/324 Dn to run between Bilaspur and Nagpur.

श्री कन्याकुमारी सड़क

६११. श्री अनिलचंद्र सिंह: क्या परिचय तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केंद्रीय सरकार ने दिल्ली से कन्याकुमारी तक जाने वाली सड़क के लिये बीच के उन टुकड़ों को बनाने के लिये, जहाँ सड़क नहीं है, कोई योजना मंजूर की है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इन बीच के टुकड़ों का निर्माण कब तक प्रारम्भ होने की आशा

है तथा उस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है?

परिचय तथा संचार मंत्रालय से राज्य-मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबीर): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) छूटे हुए दायों (Missing Links) का निर्माण कार्य पहिले से ही प्रगति पर है और उनके एक बड़े भाग का वर्तमान योजना काल के अन्तर्गत पूरा हो जाने की आशा है इन पर ४०.०० लाख रुपया खर्च होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

Railway Watch and Ward Staff at Howrah

612. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discharged watch and ward staff of Howrah had been on hunger-strike before the Durga Puja holidays; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There is no such information.

(b) Does not arise.

Breaches on Palashbari Road in Assam

613. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a part of the highway road at Palashbari of Assam has been washed away by the recent floods in the river Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A temporary diversion road was constructed some time back when it was apprehended that the road might be washed away. Certain protective