

### Carmicheal Bridge In Agartala

**619. Shri Bangashi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripura Administration has submitted any note to the Government of India reporting the state of insecurity of the Carmicheal Bridge near Agartala;

(b) whether it has been considered necessary to widen the bridge and to reconstruct it to cope with the heavy road traffic;

(c) whether Government have any information as to the number of accidents that have taken place on and near that bridge from 1954 to 1957 so far; and

(d) if so, what precautionary steps have been suggested by the Administration of Tripura against such accidents?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir. The Tripura Administration have, on the other hand, confirmed that the existing Carmicheal bridge is secure. The bridge is however, narrow.

(b) The construction of a new bridge capable of carrying two-way traffic has been included in the Second Five Year Plan of Tripura. The work on design of the new bridge is in hand.

(c) One accident took place on the bridge and five accidents near the bridge.

(d) Traffic Constables have been posted at both ends of the bridge to control and regulate traffic. Two shelters for pedestrians have also been provided on the bridge.

### Mobile Post Offices in Rajasthan

**620. Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of mobile post offices opened in Rajasthan during the year 1956-57 and April-September, 1957?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): None. The question of opening mobile Post Offices in this Circle is under examination.

### Postal Cash Certificates

**621. Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the value of postal cash certificates issued during 1957 till the 30th September, 1957?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): The issue of Post Office Cash Certificates was discontinued in 1947. Information in respect of the other Certificates issued upto 30th September, 1957 is given in the statement placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 79].

### Bezwada Railway Station

**622. Shri Balarama Krishnalal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to cover all platforms of Bezwada Railway Station as it is the busiest junction in South India;

(b) the steps Government have taken to improve the sanitary condition in the Station; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to see that refreshment halls are properly maintained?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following improvements are proposed:—

1. Providing new latrines with flush-out arrangements at ends of platforms.
2. Providing additional wash basins in Upper class waiting rooms.
3. Providing individual flush-out latrines and baths to the retiring rooms.