

other tourist bureaus is under consideration. As regards the low income group rest house at Ahmedabad, it has been suggested that they may reconsider the necessity to put up a low income group rest house in Ahmedabad, keeping in view the following:—

(1) Hotel and other accommodation already available for home tourists in Ahmedabad, and

(2) if the existing accommodation is inadequate, the possibility of private parties putting up cheap hotel accommodation, in view of the fact that Ahmedabad is a flourishing town and the provision of such accommodation should prove economical in the long run.

The State Government's reply is awaited.

Railway Employees

2800. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees on the Central Railway declared medically unfit during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(b) the number of employees who were retired from service on medical grounds during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

	1956-57	1957-58
(a)	424	653
(b)	127	156

Varanasi-Dohrihat National Highway

2801. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what expenditure has been incurred actually during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 on the modernisation and reconstruction of the National Highway route Varanasi-Ghazipur-Dohrihat;

(b) what is the actual length in mileage of the Varanasi—Dohrihat National Highway;

(c) whether bridges on this route will be taken up and completed during the Second Plan period;

(d) whether the above route passes through areas where pressure to the existing road is considerably great in times of flood; and

(e) what is the total length of the parts of this road vulnerable to flood pressure and what precautions are being taken to prevent breaches in future floods?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil):

(a) The figures of expenditure during the three years in question are given below:

		Rs.
1955-56	..	12,81,746
1956-57	..	22,07,642
1957-58	..	5,87,336

(b) 94 miles and 1 furlong.

(c) Three major bridges on this road are proposed to be taken up during the Second Five Year Plan, viz. Bridges across the Gomti, the Tons and the Ghogra. Work for the construction of the Tons Bridge has already been sanctioned and it is expected to be completed before the end of the current plan. The designs and estimates for the other two bridges are in various stages of preparation and subject to availability of funds. The work is expected to be taken up during the course of the Plan period although it would not be possible to open the bridges to traffic before the end of the Plan.

(d) and (e). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

Gaushalas in Assam

2802. Shri Bhagavati: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gaushalas sanctioned by the Government of India for the State of Assam during the