

ordered in this case; but according to the enquiry made, the aircraft got bogged down in soft ground while taxiing at Kolapani, an unlicensed private airfield. The Pilot attempted to free the aircraft by use of engine power and it nosed over.

(c) Yes, Sir.

#### Storage of Foodgrains

\*809. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Godsora:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have finalised the programme to expand the storage facilities for storing foodgrains purchased by them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications and Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement showing the details of programme of constructions of storage accommodation, to the extent the programme has been finalised, is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 25].

#### Bridge over River Jai-Bhareli

\*810. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1379 on 18th September, 1958 and state whether the additional estimate for the construction of guide bunds and approach road for the construction of Jai-Bhareli bridge on the North Trunk Road in Assam has since been sanctioned?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The estimate for the guide bunds and the approach road upto high bank on either side was sanctioned in October 1958. The estimate for the bridge itself was sanctioned on the 19th August 1959.

#### National Highways

1457. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided in the Second Five Year Plan for the construction of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the amount spent so far;

(c) total mileage constructed so far; and

(d) how far the Simla-Tibet road has progressed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Rs. 222.09 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 104.17 lakhs during the first 3 years of the current Plan.

(c) 70 miles widened and 22 miles improved.

(d) 93 miles are motorable; 32 miles jeepable.

#### Employees Appointed by Northern Railways

1458. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of employees appointed by the Northern Railway in the year 1958-59 (Class-wise)?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The number of employees appointed on the Northern Railway during 1958-59 are as under:—

Class I	9
Class II	.. 1
Ty. Asstt Officers	.. 14
Class III	.. 2728
Class IV	.. 6976
Total:	<u>9728</u>

(These figures do not include casual labour).