

Flag Station between Safidon and Budha Khara Stations

1099. Ch. Ranbir Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Flag Station between Safidon and Budha Khara stations on the branch line of Jind-Panipat of Northern Zone; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to start functioning?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). It is proposed to open a contractor-operated Train Halt between Safidon and Budha Khara stations. As the requisite land acquisition proceedings are in progress, it is not possible at this stage to say when the Halt will start functioning.

New Bridges in U.P.

1100. Shri Radha Mohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Railway bridge is going to be constructed in Uttar Pradesh during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, where and at what cost?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) It is presumed that the Honourable Member is referring to a bridge across the Ganga. Within the allotment of funds for the Railways' Third Five Year Plan, it is not possible to provide for any new bridge across the Ganga.

(b) Does not arise.

Dredging of River Pagladia and Brahmaputra

1101. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have asked for technical help from the Centre regarding dredging

of river Pagladia in Kamrup as also the Brahmaputra at some places; and

(b) if so, whether any help is given as asked for?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Co-operative Printing Presses

1102. { Shri Osman Ali Khan:
Shri Rami Reddy:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have circulated to State Governments a scheme for the development of co-operative printing presses in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the States' reactions to the scheme; and

(c) whether a decision has been taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far replies have been received from three State Governments and four Union Administrations. Replies from state governments are of an interim nature except in the case of one state which considers the scheme practical and workable. The replies from union administrations indicate that there is little scope for the implementation of the scheme in those territories.

(c) No, Sir.

Socio-Economic Development of under-Privileged People

1103. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to refer to the discussion held on 21st December,