

nect Masulipatam with Vijayawada-Bombay National Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir. A State Highway exists between Masulipatam and Vijayawada.

(b) Does not arise.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

3486. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students yearly admitted for training in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works; and

(b) the details of scholarship and duration of period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 131 Apprentices in the following categories:—

- (i) Apprentice draftsman-qualification Diploma in Mechanical Engineering—6;
- (ii) Apprentice Mechanics category 'A'—19;
- (iii) Apprentice Mechanics drawn from skilled and highly skilled categories for training at intermediate stage—6; and
- (iv) Trade apprentices—100.

(b) The particulars of stipend and period of training in the above categories are given below:—

- (i) Rs. 80/- in scale Rs. 80—5—90 + D.A. Period of training 2½ yrs;
- (ii) Rs. 55/- in scale Rs. 55—3—67 + D.A. Period of training 5 years.
- (iii) Same pay—status—privileges as the category from which the candidates are selected. Period of training 2½ years; and
- (iv) Rs. 35/- in scale Rs. 35—1—39 + D.A. Period of training 3½ yrs.

Bridges on the National Highways in Punjab

3487. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of bridges on National Highways completed during 1960-61 or under construction at present in Punjab State; and

(b) the names of new bridges on the National Highways in Punjab which will be constructed during the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No bridge was completed during 1960-61. A bridge across the Gaunchi Drain on Delhi Mathura Road, National Highway No. 2 is under construction at present.

(b) A bridge across the Beas river on the National Highway No. 1, is proposed to be constructed during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

Distribution of Farms

3488. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to distribute the big farms, State and private owned, among the landless on suitable compensation to private owners; and

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). As regards State owned farms, the Central Government has no such proposal under consideration. Information about State Government owned farms is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received. As regards big private owned farms, legislation for imposing a ceiling on holdings and the distribution of surplus lands above the ceiling has been enacted in most States. The main reasons and details thereof have been described in Chapter XIV of the Third Five Year Plan.