

respects for promotion was available and if so, reasons why authorities failed to take this into account ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) No departmental candidate eligible in all respects for promotion was available.

Railway Bridge at Chhitauni

8195. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5569 on 29 March, 1984 regarding Railway bridge at Chhitauni and State :

(a) whether the State Governments of U.P. and Bihar have been asked to meet their shares of the cost for Chhitauni bridge over river Gandak ;

(b) if so, specific amount or share of each of them and that of the Union Government and the reaction of the State Governments thereto ;

(c) whether after 1977, main force of the currents of river Kosi have shifted eastwards away from Nirmali and whether Saraigarh has become the most expedient railway station to connect Nirmali with Supaul and Birpur on both sides; and

(d) if no, steps taken to resurvey and find out the latest and perspective position ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) U.P. Government's share
—Rs. 11.4 Crores.

(ii) Bihar Government's share
Rs. 7.6 Crores.

Their replies regarding full payment of their contribution and commitment to bear the increased cost, due to escalation etc., are still awaited.

Share of Union Government ;

(iii) Ministry of Irrigation
—Rs. 19 Crores.

(iv) Ministry of Railways
—Rs. 23.56 Crores.

(c) No survey in this connection has been carried out by the Railways.

(d) The cost of this project was worked out in 1977, on the presumption that the river training works and provision of control points within the river Kosi will be borne by the State Govt., due to the unstable character of the river in this reach. Having regard to the severe constraint on resources, and absence of any further development regarding construction of control points in the form of Dagmara barrage etc. by the State Govt., no useful purpose will be served by carrying out a fresh survey for the said railway line.

New Curriculum for Polytechnic Courses

8196. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new curriculum is being designed for Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering courses for Delhi Polytechnics;

(b) if so, is there any significant deviation from the curriculum designed at the national level or that designed by Technical Teacher Training Institute Chandigarh, for the northern region, particularly in respect of the non-engineering subject; and