

sagar project proposed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh across Sone river. At the same time, it requests the Central Government that orders may be issued to postpone action on this project, because construction of this project will fatally affect the Centuary old Sone Canal system and completely damage cultivation of 7.5 lakh acres kharif, 6 lakh acres rabi and 1 lakh acres hot whether crops in Bihar State.

The Bansagar project proposed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh has not been approved by the Government of India. Efforts are being made by the engineers of Central Government, in consultation with the engineers of the Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Governments to evolve revised proposals for the Bansagar project which might be acceptable to all the three States.

**Finalisation of Balances of Ex-State Railways Merged with Indian Railways**

245. SHRI K.S. CHAUDA : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the balances of the ex-State Railways merged with Indian Railways in 1950 have not yet been finalised; and

(b) what were the balances of ex-State Railways merged with Indian Railways in 1950 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Balances are given in the Statement Laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-174/70*]

**Rail Link between Kakosi and Bhildi (Western Railway)**

246. SHRI K. S. CHAUDA : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) when the preliminary investigations for a rail link between Kakosi and Bhildi

was undertaken by the Western Railway and when it was completed;

(b) what is the estimated cost of constructing the above mentioned rail link;

(c) whether his Ministry intends to include the construction of the rail link in the 1971-72 programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (d). Investigations were carried out in 1965-66 for a new Railway line from wagrod to Bhildi with development of line capacity on the existing Mehsana-Wagrod section, as an alternative to development of capacity on Mehsana-Palanpur-Ajmer route. These investigations revealed that the new Railway line from Wagrod to Bhildi would cost about Rs. 2 crores and development of line capacity on the Mehsana Wagrod section another Rs. 0.24 crore. Since this expenditure was not found to be justified on economic and traffic considerations, the construction of this line was not considered.

**Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes For Class III and IV Posts**

247 SHRI K. S. CHAUDA : Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the requisite numbers of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates who were not available even after applying the relaxed standards in case of direct recruitment made to non-technical posts in Class III and Class IV otherwise than through a written examination since July, 1968;

(b) the number of the best among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates having minimum educational qualifications selected to fill the reserved vacancies since July, 1968; and

(c) whether they have been given necessary in service training ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) :

**THAIYA** (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

**Looting of Passengers of a train by Armed dacoits between Pasraha and Narayanpur (North Eastern Railway)**

248 **SHRI M RAM GOPAL RLDDY**  
**SHRI GANGA REDDY**

Will the **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI)** be pleased to state

(a) whether some armed dacoits stopped a passenger train on the North Eastern Railway between Pasraha and Narayanpur on 25th April, 1971 and looted the passengers, and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent such incidents ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA)** (a) Yes

(b) (i) Apart from tightening up normal security arrangements by the Government Railway Police, such as keeping watch at important stations and periodical raids to round up criminals and anti-social elements, Government Railway Police escorts are provided on important night passenger trains

(ii) Close liaison is maintained by the Railway Protection Force with the Government Railway Police so that crime is effectively checked and surveillance is kept over bad characters

(iii) Co-ordination meetings at all levels are also held by the R P F officials with the Government Railway Police officials with a view to improving prevention and detection of crime on Rail ways

(iv) Strict instructions have also been issued to the R P F staff, on duty in yards or station plat-

forms for guarding railway property to rush to the scene of crime and render all possible help to the victims.

**Purchase of Rail Equipments by a Delegation From Jakarta**

249 **SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA** Will the **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI)** be pleased to state

(a) whether an official delegation from Jakarta recently visited India to explore the possibility of buying rail equipments ,

(b) whether the team held discussions with Railway Board in this regard, and

(c) if so the outcome of the talks held ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRI) (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA)** (a) to (c) A four-member Indonesian Railway delegation recently visited India as guests of the Government of India and held exploratory discussions with the Railway Board. No firm decision was taken

**Setting up of Central Projects in Rajasthan**

250 **SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA** Will the **MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (AUDYOGIK VIKAS MANTRI)** be pleased to state :

(a) whether by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan the Central Government would be investing Rs. 161.89 crores in their projects in Rajasthan as against Rs. 3,405 crores investment at Central projects in the country,

(b) whether considering the backwardness of the State the Central Government have considered the desirability of setting up of more Central projects in Rajasthan , and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-**