

Feeder Channel: 250 Km. long feeder channel involving 749 lacs m³ of earth work was taken up in hand and 11 lacs m³ of earth work has already been completed. The remaining earth work, work on bridges and syphons upto 105 Km. cross regulators and lining of the feeder channel in single channel reach up to 105 Km. are proposed to be completed by 1974.

Distribution system: This work involves remodelling of 1203 Km length of branches comprising construction of twin channels of equal capacity and 5112 Km. of Distributaries, Minors and Water courses and construction of 2608 Km. length of new channels. So far land has been acquired in about 40 Km. length of branches and on some Distributaries and Minors on Darya-bad Branch System. The work is in progress.

(b) As per the present plans the **Sarda Sahayak Pariyojana** is likely to be completed by 1978 except for some finishing work which is expected to be completed by 1980.

(c) 17.12 lakh hectares of land in Barabanki, Lucknow, Rae-Bareilly, Lakhimpur, Sitapur, Varanasi, Ghazipur, Faizabad, Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Allahabad, Jaunpur and Azamgarh districts will be ultimately brought under irrigation.

Sanctioning of Permanent Cadre for **Rajdhani Express**

7931. **SHRI R. N. BARMAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any permanent Cadre for Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, what are the posts and the number thereof; and

(c) the number of employees serving in the Rajdhani Express who are at present not permanent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Of the staff working on the New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express, 24 are temporary while on the New Delhi-Bombay Central Rajdhani Express, 22 are temporary.

Orissa Government Representation in Study Group for Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Construction of **Banspani-Jakhapura Rail Link**

7932. **SHRI ARJUN SEWBI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering and Traffic surveys were carried out during 1964-65 for the construction of the Banspani-Jakhapura rail link, Orissa;

(b) if so, how the same rail link has been included in the Budget for 1973-74 for preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic surveys again;

(c) whether any representative either of Orissa State Government or peoples' representatives are taken in the Study Group to go into the aspect of infra-structural development; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) The results of the earlier surveys having become somewhat outdated, fresh surveys are necessary.

(c) and (d). The Survey Team maintains close liaison with the State Government and other concerned interests in determining the traffic potential alignment etc. In the Study Group appointed by the Department of Mines, Chairman, Orissa Mining Corporation was included as one of the members.