

apart for this purpose in a wide range of categories.

(c) In the case of selection posts there is provision for the same percentage of vacancies being reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as in the case of posts filled by direct recruitment.

Rules Governing Appointments and Transfers of Railway Employees

1451. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has prescribed any rules governing the appointment and transfer of their employees to different places within their Zone;

(b) whether the rules give any special facilities to persons to be employed within their linguistic areas with a view to providing facilities for the education of their children; and

(c) the circumstances under which such rules can be waived?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). No specific rules have been prescribed by the Railway Board governing the appointment and transfer of Railway servants to different places within their Zone but requests of non-gazetted railway servants for posting in areas of their choice are sympathetically considered and complied with to the extent possible.

Rules Re: Catering Contractors on Stations

1452. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board has prescribed any directive rules regarding the choice of catering contractors for different stations;

(b) whether it is normally the duty of various Railways to call for tenders by advertisements in newspapers and then to give the contract to the highest bidder; and

(c) the circumstances under which these rules can be waived?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). As per extant orders, the railway administrations are required to notify through the press or by putting up notices at the stations, vacancies of catering and vending contracts and call for applications, the licence fee to run the establishment being fixed by the administration in advance. The applications received are considered by the administration and contracts awarded to the most suitable applicant. The system of calling for tenders and giving contract to the highest bidder is not in practice.

Bottleneck in Lumding-Badarpur Hill Section

1453. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the chronic hardship caused to the people of Southern Assam and Tripura due to bottleneck in Railway communication in the Lumding-Badarpur Hill Section of the North Frontier Railways;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed for removal of the difficulties; and

(c) when Government expect to complete Dharmanagar-Tripura Railway Line?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) To eliminate the present difficulties in movement and meeting anticipated increase in volume of traffic during the third five year plan the running of goods trains in Lumding-Badarpur section is proposed to be dieselised besides opening of 9 new crossing stations and extension of loops at 2 stations which will double the line capacity on this section which at present is 2 passenger and 4 goods trains each way. The

average daily clearance in terms of wagons, which was only 47 during 1961 has been stepped up to the record figure of 73 per day at present. The clearance will be progressively increased with provision of additional crossing stations. The anticipated daily clearance at the end of third five year plan will be 210 wagons each way.

(c) Kalkalighat-Dharmanagar railway project is expected to be completed in April, 1963.

Tezapore-North Lakhimpur Railway Line

1454. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway line which was being constructed from Tezapore North to Lakhimpur has been completed;

(b) if so, what is the distance in miles; and

(c) the money spent on this line?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) A new metre gauge railway line from Rangapara-North station on the Rangiya-Tezapore railway line to Murkongselek through North Lakhimpur is under construction. The portion of the line from Rangapara North to Dholaibil has been opened to passenger traffic in March 1962. The portion between Dholaibil and North Lakhimpur has been opened for the running of ballast trains in April 1962. This portion is expected to be opened to goods traffic by June 1962.

(b) The length of the line from Rangapara North to North Lakhimpur is about 107 miles, and that between North Lakhimpur and Murkongselek is about 100 miles.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Umiam Dam Project in Assam

1455. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Umiam Dam (Shilong), Assam has since been completed;

(b) if so, the quantity of power which is likely to be supplied and the area or the district that is going to be covered in Assam; and

(c) whether this dam will be linked with the Umtru Hydro-electric power which is already in work?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) The Umiam Hydro-Electric Project will generate 36 MW of power in Stage-I, for distribution in the districts of K & J Hills and Kamrup in Assam;

(c) Yes.

कालपी के पास यमुना पर पुल

१४५६. **श्री ज० बि० मेहरोत्रा :** क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कालपी (उ० प्र०) के पास जमुना नदी पर तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत एक पुल बनाने का निश्चय हुआ था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी, हां । रेलवे विभाग कालपी के पास यमुना नदी के अपने पुल के गर्डर बदल रहा है और नये गर्डरों वाले पुल पर सड़क के लिए डेक बनाने का निर्णय किया गया है ।

(ख) इस के लिए सैन्डल रेलवे द्वारा खाने व तश्मीना तैयार किये जा रहे हैं ।