

ment would examine the question of restoration of the original arrangement?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) The direct circuit between Baripada and Cuttack was very long and required copper wire conductor. Because of copper wire thefts, it had to be replaced by iron wire and the long circuit had to be split at Balasore for technical reasons. Direct working between Calcutta and Baripada was not in existence.

(c) Since the rearrangement, the service has improved. The restoration of original arrangement is not proposed at present.

Public Call Office at Karanjia

1733. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities are aware that Public Call Office at Karanjia has been provided with no direct telephonic and telegraphic link with the District Headquarter at Baripada as a result of which all trunk calls and telegraphic messages have to be transmitted through a long circuitous inter-district route via Keonjhar, Cuttack and Balasore to Baripada and any other station inside the district of Mayurbhanj; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure greater efficacy of service by providing direct links between Karanjia and Baripada on one hand and between Karanjia and other stations inside the district?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) Direct link from Karanjia and Baripada and other stations on the route is expected to be ready by the end of June 1962.

Bridge on West Coast Road

1734. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Pottekatt:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Netravathi bridge on the West Coast Road is likely to be completed; and

(b) the amount spent in the year 1961-62?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Netravathi bridge in the Mysore State, the construction of which was started in October 1960, is likely to be completed by the end of 1963.

(b) Rs. 12,74,860/-.

Bridges on West Coast Road

1735. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:
Shri Pottekatt:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have sent any estimate for different bridges of the West Coast Road;

(b) how much amount has been set apart for each bridge; and

(c) what is the cause of delay in taking up the construction of the bridges?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 97].

Flag Station at Nallacheruvu on S. Railway

1736. Shri Ramakrishna Reddy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) why the opening of the Flag Station is held up at Nallacheruvu on