

ous. Three of them are departmental and one rented.

(b) and (c). Steps have been taken for the reconstruction of the three departmental buildings. The landlord of the rented building has been asked to complete its repairs.

#### **Railway Bridge Near Vijayawada**

2244. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of railway bridge across the River Krishna near Vijayawada is proceeding according to schedule;

(b) the amount spent up to the end of March, 1962; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed?

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

(b) Rs. 4.20 lakhs.

(c) By the end of 1964.

#### **Draining out Flood Waters**

2245. **Shri G. Mohanty:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Prime Minister, during his visit to the flood-affected areas of Orissa last year, had declared that the best solution of the flood problem lay in draining out accumulated flood water;

(b) whether any plan of draining out accumulated flood water is under consideration of the Central Flood Control Board or any other expert body; and

(c) if not, whether Government are considering the desirability of putting the Prime Minister's suggested solution of the flood problem to some expert body for consideration?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The flood problems of Orissa are being comprehensively examined by the Orissa Flood Enquiry Committee. The Committee will no doubt take into consideration the drainage of flood waters also while framing their recommendations for dealing with Orissa's flood problem.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **New Post Offices**

2246. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices opened in all States (State-wise) during 1961-62; and

(b) the number of requests received from States (State-wise) for opening of such Post Offices?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):**

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 61].

#### **Public Call Offices**

2247. **Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Call Offices opened in each State during 1961-62; and

(b) the number of requests received from each State for the same?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):**

(a) and (b). Details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 62].

#### **Loans to Ryots by Reserve Bank of India**

2248. **Shri D. B. Raju:** Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the line of procedure adopted by the Reserve Bank for India in