

Muzaffarpur R.M.S. Building

1219. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision of latrine and water supply in Muzaffarpur R.M.S. building for the last three years;

(b) if so, what arrangement is being made in this regard;

(c) how many R.M.S. offices are functioning in 'W' Division of Bihar Postal circle with or without latrines; and

(d) when the proposal for providing latrines in these buildings is expected to materialise?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) A latrine and water tap existed in the Muzaffarpur R.M.S. building but the same were dismantled in August 1960, when the extension of the building was taken up. After their dismantlement the staff are using the latrine for the general public situated at the Railway Platform. So far as supply of water is concerned, there is water tap close to the mail office and a waterman stores water for drinking and other purposes.

(b) Proposals for provision of latrine and water facilities at Muzaffarpur R.M.S. building are at an advanced stage and the matter is being pursued vigorously with the Railways.

(c) Presumably the reference is to 'U' Division as 'W' Division is in Gujarat Circle. Latrines have been provided in the R.M.S. offices at Chapra, Darbhanga, Samastipur and Mansi. The R.M.S. Offices at Sonapur, Muzaffarpur, Barauni and Katihar have not yet been provided with latrines.

(d) The Railways had earlier declined to provide latrines at Barauni and Katihar. Provision of these facilities at these Stations as well as at Sonapur will be pursued with the Railways. Regarding Muzaffarpur, the position has already been explained in part (b) above.

Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi

1221. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of patients per day being treated in Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi, during the past three months;

(b) whether the number of patients is on the increase;

(c) the number of persons on the staff of the hospital;

(d) whether Government consider the number of persons on the staff adequate to deal with the number of patients; and

(e) if not, what steps Government propose to take to meet the increasing demands on the hospital staff?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):

(a) May, 1962	1785
June, 1962	1732
July, 1962	1831
(b) Yes.	/
(c) Classes I & II	40
Class III	226
Class IV	330

(d) and (e). Yes. The requirements of the Casualty and Out-patient Departments, however, are being reviewed in view of the considerable increase in the number of patients.

Central River Board Committee

1222. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a Central River Board Committee;

(b) if so, what will be the nature and functions of the Committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The River Boards Act, 1956, under which the Government of India

propose to set up River Boards for certain important inter-State river Basins in the country, does not provide for the establishment of any Central River Board Committee as envisaged in part (a) of the question.

Major Rivers in India

1223. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) how many major rivers are there in India; and

(b) what is the percentage of water utilised from them for (i) irrigation, (ii) power, (iii) drinking purpose and (iv) wastage into the seas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) The major rivers in India excluding their tributaries are given below:—

1. Indus Basin Rivers.
2. Ganges.
3. Brahmaputra.
4. Mahanadi.
5. Krishna.
6. Cauvery.
7. Tapi or Tapti.
8. Narmada.
9. Godavari.

and 10. Damodar.

(b) No detailed assessment of the water resources of all the rivers and their utilisation for different purposes has so far been made. However, it has been estimated that

- (i) by the end of the Second Plan about 27 per cent of the usable flow or 8.9 per cent of the total annual flow of the entire river water resources of the country would have been utilised by the end of the Second Plan.
- (ii) The utilisation for generation of hydro power is at present about 4 per cent of the average total annual flow of all rivers.
- (iii) and (iv) No information is available.

Providing of Level Crossing at New Barrackpur Halt Station

1224. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are heavy casualties on the Eastern Railway suburban lines due to people walking on the railway tracks;

(b) whether it is a fact that the heavy growth of population on either side of new Barrackpur halt station on Eastern Railway leads to people indiscriminately crossing the track as there is no railway gate to control traffic when trains are approaching;

(c) whether it is a fact that the girls of college and the boys of school are on opposite sides of the track and children cross the track without any control;

(d) whether the bazar is also situated by the side of the track; and

(e) whether Government have considered the desirability of putting a railway gate at this point for the safety of the people, specially the children?

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

(a) Some trespassers at times get killed while they attempt to cross the Railway line.

(b) to (e). Yes, Sir. It has not been found feasible to prevent trespassing as persons cross the lines by short-cut and not at particular crossings.

Linking of Basirhat-Barasat Railway with Sealdah

1225. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Basirhat-Barasat railway will be directly linked with Sealdah by drawing the coaches by electric engines from Barasat to Sealdah;

(b) how far will this reduce the number of trains on the Bongaon section after electrification; and