

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