

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1141/63].

(c) Yes. On the Broad Gauge, all new builds of passenger coaches are of the corridor type. On the Metre Gauge, all future builds of passenger coaches from about the middle of 1963-64 will be of the corridor type.

The tentative programme for manufacture of corridor coaches is as under:

1963-64.—about 480 Broad Gauge coaches and 250 Metre Gauge coaches.

1964-65.—about 170 Broad Gauge coaches and 750 Metre Gauge coaches.

मोटर जहाज

१९२६. श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरवा : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत का नौवहन निगम तिजारती बड़े को मजबूत बनाने के लिये दो बड़े मोटर जहाज खरीदने पर विचार कर रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये जहाज कितने टन के होंगे और कब तक उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : (क) भारत के नौवहन निगम के लिये हिन्दुस्तान सिमार्ड विशाखापत्तनम में ल्युवेकर डिजाइन के दो मोटर जहाज बन रहे हैं ।

(ख) प्रत्येक जहाज १२३०० टन अधिकतम धारिता और लगभग ६२०० टन सकल रजिस्टर धारिता का होगा । बताया है कि एक जहाज मई १९६३ में और दूसरा अगस्त १९६३ में मिल जायेगा ।

Replacement of Rail Tracks

1930. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred, Question No. 1333 on the 6th December, 1960 and state the progress so far made in replacement of over-age rail tracks on the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Out of total mileage of 426.40 proposed to be replaced during the Third Five Year Plan, 108 miles have been replaced upto 31-3-1963.

Minor Irrigation Works

1931. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount spent on minor irrigation works in Himachal Pradesh during 1961 and 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The total amount spent on minor irrigation works in Himachal Pradesh during 1961-62 and 1962-63 is as under:—

1961-62	1962-63
Rs. 18,46,800	*Rs. 19,34,560
	*Un-reconciled figure.

Bridge on Sutlej near Kiratpur Sahib

1932. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have sent any plan and estimate for the construction of a bridge on the Sutlej River near Kiratpur Sahib in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). No, Sir. A bridge over the Sutlej River