

The views of the Bihar Government on the possible effect of the improvement that has been effected in road communications in this area on water-borne traffic are awaited in this connection.

Cyclone Warning System

2018. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether an improved cyclone warning system is proposed to be set up in the North-East; and

(b) if so, at what cost?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). As a part of the Third Plan schemes of the India Meteorological Department, a net-work of storm-detecting radars has been set up at Calcutta, Gauhati and Agartala, in order to detect storms and tornadoes of land origin, which generally occur in North-East India, during the months of March to May. It is proposed to instal two more radars—one at Mohanbari and another at some suitable place. The cost of the radars installed so far is Rs. 5.27 lakhs, and the cost of those proposed to be installed, will be about Rs. 1.24 lakhs.

Railway Protection Force at Machada in S. E. Railway

2019. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a permanent Railway Protection Force has been stationed at Machada in S.E. Railway;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of this stationing of Railway Protection Force there, pilfering from goods trains are being committed every now and then;

(d) whether occasional reports are called for from the place; and

(e) other steps proposed to be taken to meet the situation.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Since March 1956.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) Does not arise as the existing arrangements are quite adequate.

Forest Survey

2020. { **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the governing Council of U.N. Special Fund has sanctioned for Indian Forest Survey Project a sum of £ 835,100;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project and India's share therein; and

(c) the details of the project?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The governing council of the U.N. Special Fund has agreed to provide assistance worth 885,100 dollars (and not pounds).

(b) Out of the total estimated cost of Rs. 136.585 lakhs the Indian share is expected to be of the order of Rs. 97.495 lakhs. The exact amount will be worked on receipt of the plan of operation from U.N. Special Fund.

(c) The details of the project are yet to be worked out and will be finalised on receipt of the plan of operation from the U.N. Special Fund authorities. Broad purpose of the project is to conduct surveys in selected areas (about 11,500 sq. miles) considered to be of high potential in the States of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,