

(b) if so, to which lines these will be allotted?

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

(a) Orders for 62 Metre Gauge Diesel (and not 30) locomotives have been recently placed abroad—25 have been ordered in June 1963 from U.S.A. and 37 have been ordered in July 1963 from Canada.

(b) 25 Metre Gauge Diesel Locomotives from U.S.A. are expected to be used on Guntakal-Dharmavaram-Yeshwantpur Section of Southern Railway. The 37 locomotives from Canada are proposed to be used on Guntakal-Hospet-Goa Section of Southern Railway and Kandla-Palampur-Phulera Section of Western Railway. The possibility of using some of these on Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola Sections of Western and Central Railways is also under consideration.

Theft at Delhi Junction

562. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a theft of Rs. 18,000 was reported to have occurred on the 23rd December, 1962 in the office of the Assistant Station Master, Delhi Junction from the safe fixed in the wall of the office;

(b) whether the culprits have been traced, caught and tried; and

(c) how many cases of thefts, from Railway safes and of safes have taken place on the Railways during the last quinquennium?

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

(a) Yes. The amount involved was Rs. 18,883.30 nP including Credit Notes to the value of Rs. 845.90 nP.

(b) The Government Railway Police, Delhi investigated the case but 857(Ai) LSD—5.

could not arrest the culprits. They have since closed the case as untraced.

(c) No. of cases of thefts from Rly. safes	No. of cases of thefts of Rly. safes
55	3

राप्ती नदी पर पुल

५६३. डा० महादेव प्रसाद : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय राजपथ संख्या २८ गोरखपुर के पास राप्ती नदी पर पुल के निर्माण की क्या स्थिति है ; और

(ख) उक्त पुल कब तक पूरा होने की आशा है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में नौबहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) पुल के चार मुख्य दरों में से ३ दर डाले जा चुके हैं और ५ निलम्बित दरों में से दो दर डाले जा चुके हैं । चौथे मुख्य दर और तीन निलम्बित दरों को डालने का काम जारी है ।

(ख) १९६४ के अन्त तक ।

Diwa-Uran-Apta Line

564. { Shri Dighe:
Shri Baswant:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Diwa-Uran-Apta Railway Line in the Konkan region of Maharashtra State; and

(b) whether Government propose to complete the line upto Dasgaon during the Fourth Plan?

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

(a) The present overall progress of the work of Diwa-Panvel-Uran section is 48 per cent and Panvel-Apta section is 36 per cent.

(b) Priority in respect of new lines to be taken up for construction during the Fourth Plan Period has not yet been drawn up. Hence, it is too early to say anything in the matter.

Sugar Marketing Board

565. { Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Secretary went to Australia to study *inter-alia* sugar marketing board functioning there;

(b) whether it was the intention of Government to have a similar marketing board for sugar in India; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this direction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Multi-purpose Godowns

566. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether bulk godowns under construction in the Third Five Year Plan will provide storage space for food-grains only or for other commodities like cotton and jute also;

(b) whether four multi-purpose godowns of 400,000 tons capacity were to be constructed in 1963 at a cost of Rs. 5 crores; and

(c) if so, whether this scheme has now been revised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) All godowns under construction by the Department of Food, whether bagged or bulk, are

meant only for the Storage of Food-grains.

(b) No, Sir. We have a programme of construction of 4 godowns of four lakh tonnes capacity for which tenders have been invited and we hope to place orders shortly.

(c) Does not arise.

Navigation in Hooghly

567. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how far Government propose to implement the suggestions made in Mr. Allen Cameron's report for solving the problems facing Hooghly River navigational channel?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): From the studies so far made, our technical experts are of the view that it is not practicable to adopt the boom dredging technique on the Hooghly above Hooghly Point. The question whether that technique can be tried in the estuary is being investigated by the Calcutta Port Commissioners.

Clash at Kanpur Railway Station

568. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the personnel of Railway Protection Force clashed with Railway staff on the 19th July, 1963 at the Kanpur Railway Station;

(b) whether a ticket collector was manhandled and mercilessly beaten by the R.P.F. men under instruction from their officer;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been instituted; and

(d) the reasons for not suspending the R.P.F. men?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.