(ग) यदि नहीं, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सें० वें० रामस्वामी) : (क) जी हां । पटना-बख्तियारपुर सड़क पर बख्तियारपुर के पास वर्तमान समपार की जगह ऊपरी सड़क-पुल बनाने की योजना १९६२–६३ के निर्माण कार्यक्रम में शामिल की गयी थी ।

(ख) और (ग). इस काम के नक्शे और अनुमान अन्तिम रूप से तैयार करके राज्य सरकार के पास भेज दिये गये हैं और उस की स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है । अभी यह बताना सम्भव नहीं है कि काम कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा ।

पोस्टल सुपरिन्टेंडेंट

१३४६. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या **डाक और तार** मंत्री २० अगस्त, १९६३ के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ५१३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि डाक विभाग के सुपरिन्टेंडेंटों तथा पोस्ट मास्टरों के पदों के एकीकरण की दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

डाक और तार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) : उक्त सम्मिलित संवर्ग के भर्ती नियमों को लोक सेवा आयोग के परामर्श से शीघ्र ही अन्तिम रूप दे दिये जाने की आशा है ।

Stations on Central Railway

1347. Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly amount spent on halt stations on Central Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that in respect of stations which are run on contract system, the contractor is paid commission monthly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contractors are not taking any steps to improve the conditions of these stations; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to remove the difficulties faced by the public?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The average monthly amount spent by the Central Railway on the contractor-operated halts functioning during 1962-63 is Rs. 13,646·01 nP.

(b) Yes.

(c) The responsibility for improving conditions of halt stations is of the Railway Administrations and not of the contractors.

(d) Halt stations are normally provided with certain basic amenities. Railway Administrations also provide additional facilities at halts where found justified.

Land Reclamation near Chambal

1348. Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any scheme from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding land reclamation scheme near Chambal; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and when it will be implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme envisages reclamation of 45,000 acres of ravine lands in Chambal area during a period of 3 years at an estimated cost of Rs. 110·7 lakhs. Of the total area 36,000 acres are top lands and are to be treated by contour bunding and 9,000 acres are shallow revines to be developed for agricultural purposes by terracing and construction of soil saving dams. The work will be taken up by the State Government next year.