

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

P.O. Building, Kottayam

1809. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state the steps taken for construction of the building for the Head Post Office at Kottayam in Kerala?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): The preliminary drawings are under approval. The construction work will be started after the formalities regarding preparation of preliminary estimates, issue of sanction etc. are completed.

Vivekananda Bridge, Calcutta

1810. **Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have exempted the pedestrians from payment of toll for crossing Vivekananda Bridge (near Calcutta); and

(b) whether Government propose to exempt the vehicular traffic also from the payment of toll?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir. The pedestrians have been exempted from payment of toll with effect from 1st June, 1963.

(b). There is no proposal for exemption of vehicular traffic from payment of the toll.

Box Wagons

1811. { Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:
Shri Samnani:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been reports of overloading and under-loading of coal in the box wagons;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints regarding faulty loading lines marked for bulk density for calculation of tonnage; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure exact loading and weightment at the time of despatch?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Prior to readjustment of load lines marked in box wagons in August 62 some complaints about incorrectness of load lines were received. Since readjustment of load lines separately for slack|dust coal and steam|rubble coal have been made there have been few complaints of this nature.

(c) (i) Pending installation of suitable weighbridges railway staff have been posted to inspect BOX wagons after these have been loaded by collieries and to indicate the extent of under-loading on the railway receipts where the BOX wagons are not in fact loaded upto the load lines.

(ii) Railways have been asked to provide suitable weighbridges on a programmed basis.

(iii) Collieries producing more than 10,000 tonnes per month of coal have also been asked to instal their own weighbridges of suitable capacity for weightment of BOX wagons for which they have been offered a suitable rebate.

Ernakulam Junction

1812. **Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken for reconstruction and improvement of the station building at Ernakulam junction;

(b) if so, the steps being taken; and

(c) when the work will be taken up?