

(b) the number of bridges which have since been completed and opened for traffic;

(c) the number of bridges still under construction; and

(d) when this part of the Highway is likely to be completed and opened for public use?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) In the road portion which is of a total length of 32 miles, formation and provision of initial layer of water bound macadam have been completed except in a distance of 3 miles. Work in this reach is in progress and is expected to be completed shortly. The second stage work of providing an additional layer of metal and surfacing is in progress.

(b) Twelve.

(c) One, namely the bridge across the river Chiramati, which is expected to be completed by December, 1964.

(d) Except for the bridge on the river Chiramati, the road is through at present. An alternative route along the State Highway is available for through traffic at present.

Mahananda Bridge

79. Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1037 on the 3rd December, 1963 and the subsequent statement laid on the Table on the 18th February, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the construction of the Mahananda bridge on National Highway No. 34 has since been completed and the bridge opened for traffic; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay and how long it will take to complete the bridge?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) During the sinking of the foundation wells of the bridge, some of the wells suffered tilts. The tilts

were subsequently corrected during the process of further sinking, except in respect of one well. Steps taken to rectify the tilt of this well during the last working season were only partly successful. Further rectification of the tilt in this well will be carried out shortly as soon as the water level in the river goes down. The work has thus been delayed to some extent. It is expected to be completed by June, 1965.

Eggs and Vegetables through D.M.S. Depots

80. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is proposed to sell eggs and vegetables to consumers at cheap rates through the Milk Depots of the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A suggestion was received from the Delhi Administration that the milk depots of the Delhi Milk Scheme should also sell eggs at its Depots and thereby assist in the problem of marketing of eggs. This suggestion has not yet been accepted by the Delhi Milk Scheme as it is now going through a process of reorganisation and is wholly occupied in attending to the problems of procurement and distribution of milk.

There has been no proposal to sell vegetables through the milk depots of the scheme.

Radar-Radio Weather Broadcasting Station

81. Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Radar-Radio Weather Broadcasting Station at the Banihal Pass; and