

On examination it was found that reducing the time factor would mean that seasonal fluctuation in the price index would also be reflected in the revision of Dearness Allowance rates, while reduction of the number-of-points factor would necessitate too frequent revision which had to be ruled out on budgetary and administrative considerations. The State Governments were also consulted as any modification of the formula would have had repercussions on the policies followed by them in respect of their employees. Most State Governments were opposed to the present formula being changed. In these circumstances, Government took the view that no change in the existing formula of the Second Pay Commission was feasible.

Bridge over River Hooghly

316. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) how far the proposal to construct a new road bridge across the river Hooghly to connect Calcutta with Howrah has proceeded;

(b) whether any plan and estimate have been prepared; and

(c) who will be entrusted with the work?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) Studies on various aspects of engineering design of the project are in progress.

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

Transport in Eastern Region

317. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress made by the Joint Technical Group on Transport Planning in the Eastern Region of India;

(b) whether in the survey work undertaken by the Group, any expert assistance from the concerned State Governments was asked for; and

(c) whether the data collected by the Haldia Port authorities will also be taken into consideration?

The Minister of Planning (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) The transport survey of the Eastern Region is being conducted in two phases: study under Phase A will involve assessment of the available capacities on different transport media and the extent of utilisation of these capacities for the period ending 1965-68. The study under Phase B involves assessment of future transportation requirements of the region, keeping in view its potential economic development over a period of 10 to 15 years and the transport facilities required to sustain such development. Factual data under Phase A has been collected and is being analysed. The issues involved in the methodology for Phase B have also been considered in detail and work has been initiated on collection of data under Phase B.

(b) The survey is being conducted by a special Survey Unit set up in Calcutta under the auspices of the Joint Technical Group for Transport Planning, an organisation established jointly by the Planning Commission, Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Transport, Aviation, Shipping & Tourism. The International Bank for Reconstruction & Development has deputed a team of five specialists to work as part of the Survey Unit. The State Governments of West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa are collaborating in the Survey and have constituted technical cells to work with the Unit.

(c) The data collected by the Haldia Study Team will be taken into consideration by the Survey Unit.

Training of Leprosy Patients

- 318. Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state the nature of assistance which the West Bengal Branch of *Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh* will receive from the Central Government to establish a Centre for the training of leprosy patients or those cured of the disease in crafts, cottage industries, agricultural and elementary engineering?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): A Committee which was constituted in January, 1964 is still engaged in formulating a scheme for the establishment of Rehabilitation Training Centres in 4 States including West Bengal during the Fourth Five Year Plan. The question of grant of Central assistance to certain institutes for the project will be taken up after the report of the Committee has been received.

Cholera and Small-pox Epidemics

- 319. Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Press Note has been issued by West Bengal Government stating that Midnapur and Nadia districts will have to face Cholera and Small-pox epidemics in the near future;

(b) whether temporary regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act have been promulgated in those areas for

the prevention and control of the diseases; and

(c) how the Centre is going to help the West Bengal Government in the matter?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, as a precautionary measure on the eve of the Gangasagar mela.

(c) Does not arise.

Water-works Scheme for Raniganj Coalfields

- 320. Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a Rs. 50 crores Water-works Scheme for the Raniganj coalfield areas;

(b) if so, who are the participants in the scheme; and

(c) the source of water supply?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The Scheme for supply of water to the Raniganj Coalfields consists of three parts based on the three sources of Supply estimated to cost Rs. 7.70 crores. The Government of India have agreed to sanction the first part of the scheme (Source Maithon Reservoir) at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.54 crores. The question of sanctioning the remaining two parts will be considered later.

(b) The participants in the scheme are:—

(i) Union Ministry of Health and Family Planning.