which contained the information of 'Railway employees Camp at Kashmir' was supplied on the 18th April, 1969 to the Divisional Superintendent Office, Telephone Exchange, New Delhi whereas the last date of submitting the applications was 5th April, 1969; and

(d) if so, the reasons why the Gazette is issued so late and what action Government propose to take against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) The Gazette of the Northern Railway is published twice a month on 1st and 16th of every month and is supplied after these dates. This sometimes takes time during transit to reach the users.

(b) The extraordinary Gazette is printed and distributed as quickly as possible.

(c) The extraordinarly Gazette dated 17th March, 1969, which contained the information about 'Kashmir Camp' from 6-5-69 to 19-5-69 was supplied to Divisional Superintendent's Office on 14-4-69. For possible delays in the supply of gazetted publications, precaution is always taken by issuing circular letters to all officers of the railway. In this case also a circular was issued on 10-3-1969 intimating the staff about the ensuing trip and the last date for submission of applications.

(d) As the number of offices is large, which are located at distant places from the office of Superintendent, Printing and Stationery Shakurbasti, delay has occurred in the supply of the gazette in a few cases. Machinery is, however, being tightend to ensure that extraordinary gazettes are supplied to all Divisions within one week its publication.

Ban on Recruitment of Class III Posts

9483. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleaseed to state :

(a) whether there is a ban on the recruitment of class III posts in Railways; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be lifted ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, in respect of Clerks, Stenographers, Record Sorters, Daftries, Peons and Farashes.

(b) The ban is current upto 31. 3. 1970 for the present,

पटना जिले के पुराने दीघा घाट में रेलवे की भूमि

9484. श्री रामाव्यतार झास्त्री: श्री क० मि० मधुकर: श्री चन्द्र झेखर सिंह: श्री योगेन्द्र झर्मा: श्री मोगेन्द्र झा:

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पटना जिले के पुराने दीघा घाट में रेलवे की भूमि अनेक वर्षों से अप्रयुक्त पड़ी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस भूमि का क्षेत्रफल क्याहै;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि दीघा पुलिस बाने के अन्तर्गत नकटा दियारा के निवासी प्रति वर्षं भयंकर बाढ़ का शिकार होते हैं तथा वहाँ सारे गांव के जल में बह जाने का खतरा बना रहता है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या उस गांव के निवा-सियों ने उनको संयुक्त स्मरण-पत्र भेजा है, जिस में उन्होंने मांग की है कि उन स्रोगों को उप-रोक्त भमि पर बसने की मनुमति दी जाये;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका व्योराक्या है ; और

(च) इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रति-किया है ?

्रेलवे मंत्री (डा॰ राम सुभग सिंह)ः (क) जी हां।