

(c) Whenever problems like shortage of power, labour trouble etc. were brought to the notice of Ministry of Railways, prompt action was taken to bring these to the notice of the State Governments for taking suitable remedial action. The supplies of critical items are being regularly monitored to ensure adequate and timely supply either through indigenous sources or wherever inescapable through imports.

#### Bosting up of Shipping in the Gulf

\*246. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to boost up shipping in the Gulf after the war?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): Government are keeping close watch over the situation in the Gulf and appropriate action will be taken when the situation stabilises.

#### Link up of Calcutta-Howrah Suburbs

\*265. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has received five proposals to link up Calcutta and Howrah suburbs by extending and renovating some of the existing lines so as to relieve the traffic congestion in Calcutta;

(b) whether those are under examination by Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd; and

(c) if so, by what time the Railway Board is expected to decide on them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIA-

MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Providing speed breakers in South Delhi Colonies

2201. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the planners of the Delhi Administration, P.W.D. road taking of from Rao Tula Ram Marg to the Outer Ring Road leading to Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi and flanked on one side by Street No. 2 of Shanti Niketan and Anand Niketan and the other by South Moti Bagh and Nanakpura colonies did not provide for any speed breakers on it;

(b) whether in view of the high density of traffic, it is very hazardous to cross the road;

(c) whether the level of this road beyond 2/22 Shantiniketan, is low at many places resulting in the stagnation of water and causing an environmental hazard; and

(d) if so, the action which Government propose to take to set matters right in the above direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) to (d). Yes, Sir. No Speed Breakers have been provided on this road. As a matter of policy, speed-breakers are not provided as they restrict free flow of traffic and cause damage to vehicles. This road is a Zonal road having a carriageway width to 22 ft. and traffic density is not very high. The road does not have any low lying portion. However efforts are being made by the Delhi Administration to improve the drainage of the road to avoid stagnation of water.