

by the Standing Committee and its various Local Level Committees on issues relating to embankments and river training works. The Commission directed that the decisions taken by the Standing Committee and its Local Level Committees should be appropriately followed up for an early solution of the problems.

1.5 The Commission noted the work of the Standing Committee of the JRC on issues relating to water utilisation of Manu, Muhuri, Khowai, Gumti and Dharla/Dudhkumar rivers. The Standing Committee was directed to continue its discussions and complete its recommendations as early as possible for submission to the JRC for its consideration.

## 2. Indo-Nepal issues on water resources under discussions:

2.1 The major tributaries of the Ganga from the North originate in Nepal and after passing through the Indian territory join the River Ganga. They cause immense misery by recurring floods and shifting of the river course in the Gange-tic plains of UP and Bihar. The problem is further aggravated by the silt load these rivers carry from the upper catchment of Nepal. There is, therefore, an urgent need for harnessing the waters of these rivers by construction storages and canal systems to provide benefits to both countries in matters of irrigation, flood control etc. The sites where storages can be built are located in Nepal.

Representatives of both the Governments have been meeting at various levels from time to time to discuss the modalities of action to be taken for development of water resources of these rivers for the mutual benefit of both the countries. Discussions between the two Governments are being continued to arrive at an agreement on the development of waters of these rivers. In such discussions which involve other country it is not practicable to indicate a time bound programme for completion of the discussions.

## Conversion of Rail line between Samastipur and Jayanagar into Broad Gauge

1127. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion work of the metre gauge rail line between Jayanagar and Samastipur into broad gauge has started;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) No work has been started between Jayanagar and Darbhanga, for which a survey has only recently been carried out. The conversion between Darbhanga and Samastipur is, however, an approved work, the progress of which is affected by severe constraint of resources.

## N.R. Railway Service Committee

1128. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the N.F. Railway Service Commission has made final selection of about 800 candidates in pursuance of the Employment Notice of May, 1983;

(b) whether these 800 candidates have been allowed to join in their posts; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.