

gers passed ugly remarks and made indecent overtures towards Smt Pushpa Singhal and Smt Kusum Singhal who were travelling in this compartment from Rajghat to Moradabad. These ladies lodged a complaint to GRPS Moradabad on 5-7-1973 and a case No 245 U/S 120 Indian Railways Act was registered by Police. The case is under investigation of the Police. No arrests have so far been made.

SECOND RAIL-CUM-ROAD BRIDGE OVER BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

348 SHRI GOLAP BARBORA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent demand made by the Government of Assam for the construction of a second rail-cum-road bridge over the river Brahmaputra near Tezpur,

(b) whether Government's attention has also been invited to the recent suggestions made by the North Eastern Council for the extension of the broad-gauge railway line from New Bongaigaon to Gauhati and also for the construction of a second road-cum-rail bridge over the river Brahmaputra, and

(c) if so what action Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) and (b) Yes

(c) The demand for a Second bridge near Tezpur involves two short lines from Tezpur and Silghat, about 16 Kms upto the banks of the Brahmaputra and a bridge across the River. The approximate cost of the line and the bridge may be about Rs 20 crores. This proposal would not be financially viable.

The other proposal involves extension of the BG line from Bongaigaon to Gauhati via Goalpara with a bridge across the river Brahmaputra between Jogighopa and Panchratna Ghat. Investigations were carried out for certain proposals in this area, but were not pursued, as the Technical feasibility of constructing a bridge across

the Brahmaputra River at Jogighopa was not established. The length of the BG line between Jogighopa and Gauhati via Goalpara will be about 150 Kms. With a bridge at Jogighopa even if it was technically feasible, the line may cost approximately Rs 40 crores. Investigation by an independent only viz the Gauhati University has revealed that there is not enough justification for this rail link.

WAGON SHORTAGE AT CUDDAPPAH

349 SHRI PAPI REDDY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Baryte mining industry at Cuddappah in Andhra Pradesh about the shortage of wagons for transporting Barytes to Bombay and

(b) if so what steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI) (a) Yes

(b) At present only 6 indents are outstanding. Every effort will be made to clear these demands expeditiously.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN MYSORE

350 SHRI U K LAKSHMANA GOWDA Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned by Government in the State of Mysore so far during the Fourth Five Year Plan and

(b) what are the new projects likely to be sanctioned during 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA)

(a) The Government of Mysore have a number of major and medium irrigation projects in hand in the Fourth Plan and attention has been concentrated in progressing the projects already in hand. However, in the last four years of the Fourth Plan, 4 new medium irrigation schemes namely Gundal, Taraka, Vothole and Sagaradoddakere proposed by the State Government