

PROTEST DAY on the 5th August, 1969;

(b) whether Government have received any resolutions passed at the protest meetings of the said Association; and

(c) if so, the details of the demands of the Association and the steps taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) to (c) It is understood that the All India Ungraded Railway Accounts Staff Association held a meeting on 5-8-1969 at Izatnagar and a resolution adopted in this meeting has been received wherein it has been urged that immediate action may be taken so that the staff running at the maximum of grade and expected to be retired shortly may be benefitted."

The question of giving some relief to staff who have reached the maximum of their scales, including Accounts Clerks is under active consideration.

RAILWAY OVER-BRIDGE ON DR. B. BARUAH ROAD IN GAUHATI

*721. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a railway over-bridge at the level-crossing on Dr. B. Baruah Road at Gauhati has been under construction for the last two and a half years; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in the construction and the time likely to be taken for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) According to the agreed procedure between the Railway Administration and the State Government, the bridge proper and the approaches to the bridge were to be constructed by

the Railway and State P. W. D. respectively.

The Railway's portion of the work on bridge structure has already been completed in December 1968. The work on approaches is still in progress by the State P. W. D.

'OUTSTATION DAILY TOUR ALLOWANCES' OF RAILWAY OFFICERS

*722. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the different scales of 'outstation daily tour allowances' presently being paid to gazetted officers in the Indian Railways while on tour;

(b) the extent to which these T.A./D.A. compare with the T.A./D.A. paid to gazetted officers of other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India;

(c) the reasons for paying the railway officers less T. A./D. A. than their counterparts in other Government Departments; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has under consideration a proposal to increase their T.A./D.A. with a view to bringing them on par with other Governmental organisation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) A statement indicating the present rates of daily allowance applicable to gazetted officers on the Indian Railways is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXIX, Annexure No. 114.]

(b) Another statement showing the comparative position is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXIX, Annexure No. 115.]

(c) The rates of TA/DA on the Railways have been fixed with due regard to the various facilities available on tour and the nature of outstation duties/conditions/facilities existing on the Railways.

(d) No such proposal is presently under consideration.