

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, 7th May 1959

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*377. [The questioner (Shri Amolakh Chand) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2158 infra.]

कृष्णा और तुंगभद्रा पुलों का निर्माण

*३७८. श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आन्ध्र प्रदेश में कृष्णा और तुंगभद्रा पुलों के निर्माण में (हैदराबाद से कर्नूल तक) अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है; और

(ख) ये पुल कब तक तैयार हो जायेंगे ?

-f [CONSTRUCTION OF KRISHNA AND TUNGABHADRA BRIDGES

*378. SHRIMATI SEETA YUDHVIR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of Krishna and Tungabhadra bridges (from Hyderabad to Surnool) in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when these bridges will be completed?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर): (क) और (ख) मांगी गई सूचना के बारे में एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

(क) १ कृष्णा नदी पर पुल—

इसमें नींव पर काम हाल ही में शुरू किया गया है।

२ तुंगभद्रा नदी पर पुल—

नींव और पीलपायों का काम प्रगति पर है। अब तक ६३ प्रतिशत काम पूरा हो चुका है।

(ख) १ कृष्णा नदी पर पुल—

आशा है यह १९६१ के मध्य तक बन कर तैयार हो जायगा।

२ तुंगभद्रा नदी पर पुल—

आशा है यह १९६० के मध्य तक बन कर तैयार हो जायगा।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) (i) *Bridge over Krishna*—The work on foundations has been commenced recently.

(ii) *Bridge over Tungabhadra*—The work on foundations and piers is in progress. 63% work is completed so far.

(b) (i) *Bridge over Krishna*—The bridge is expected to be completed by middle of 1961.

(ii) *Bridge over Tungabhadra*—The bridge is expected to be completed by middle of 1960.]

श्रीमती सीता युद्धवीर : यह ब्रिज बनाने में इतनी देर क्यों लग रही है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इसमें टेन्डर में, जिस प्रकार का डिजाइन पहले रखा गया था वह डिजाइन ठीक नहीं मालूम हुआ। उसके

सम्बन्ध में कुछ सलाह केन्द्र से दी गई है और उसके अनुसार जब डिजाइन्ड बनेगा तब काम शुरू हो जायगा ।

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT THE BANARAS CANTONMENT STATION

•379. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the 15th March, 1959, a light engine ran into a stationary passenger train at Banaras Cantonment station at 11.30 A.M.? If so, what was the loss and the number of casualties as a result of this accident?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): Yes, Sir. As a result of the impact seven persons sustained minor injuries. The approximate cost of damage to Railway property was Rs. 1,500/-.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know what was the reason for this accident?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The reason was that a light engine came and bumped into the rear of the passenger train. That was the reason.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Has any enquiry been made to ascertain who was responsible for it?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: A senior scale railway officers enquiry has been instituted. The report is awaited.

PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAINS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

•380. SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new passenger and goods trains which were introduced on the Indian Railways during the period January to April, 1959?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): 79 new passenger trains and 56 goods

trains. The figure for goods trains covers the period January to March, 1959, as figures for April, 1959 are not yet available.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether any introduction of new trains has been made on the Allahabad-Chapra and Shahganj-Ballia lines?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I could not give offhand the exact lines on which these trains have been introduced, but if the hon. Member would like to know the number of trains on each Railway, I could give that.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know if it is intended to introduce any train between Delhi and Bombay *via* Jhansi, any Janata Express, because there is so much of overcrowding in the Punjab Mail and the Pathankot Express?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is no intention of running any more Janata Train at present.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know the total number which the passenger trains have so far come up to?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I said that from January to April, 79 new passenger trains have been introduced.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: I wanted to know the total number of passenger trains running at the moment.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is over 4,000.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any trains start **and** end at Delhi Shahdara?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He means trains which start there and end there.