

(b) what are the findings and recommendations of the agency that carried out the said investigation; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to implement those recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) (i). A preliminary engineering survey between Ramshahi and Binnaguri is in progress.

(ii) Some investigation has been carried out and is being further pursued.

(b) A decision on the Ramshahi-Binnaguri alignment will be taken only after the survey report has been received and examined.

As regards the findings and recommendation about the strengthening and extension of protective measures so far as they affect the Railway line these for the present consist of extending and strengthening guide bunds, raising railway embankments and protecting them, building protection bunds at suitable places to control the course of rivers as far as possible in the circumstances prevailing, etc. The Brahmaputra River Commission and North Bengal Flood Enquiry Committee are also studying the problem as a whole. The Railway is represented on these bodies and is working in close co-operation with them. Their recommendations are awaited.

(c) Restoration works including strengthening and extension of protective measures, wherever necessary, and to the extent possible within the time in hand are in full swing.

खीतहर मजदूरों के लिए निर्वाह-व्यय सूचिका

* ६४२. श्री टी० डी० पुस्तके (श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान की ओर से): क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने खीतहर मजदूरों के लिए निर्वाह-व्यय सूचिका बनाने की कोई योजना

तैयार की है; यदि हाँ, तो उस काम में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है; और

(ख) यह कार्य किन के द्वारा और किन किन स्थानों में कराया जा रहा है?

†[COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOUR

*642. SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE (ON BEHALF OF SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN): Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the compilation of the Cost of Living Index Numbers for agricultural labour; if so, what progress has been made in the work; and

(b) the places where and the agencies through which the work is being undertaken?]

उप-श्रम मंत्री (श्री आबिद अली): (क) और (ख). खीतहर मजदूरों के लिए निर्वाह-व्यय बनाने का एक प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है। इस बारे में तफ़्सील निश्चित की जा रही है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) and (b). A proposal for the compilation of Cost of Living Index Numbers for agricultural labour is under consideration. Technical details pertaining to the proposal are being worked out.]

SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE: What time will it take to materialise, Sir?

श्री आबिद अली : अब बहुत वक्त नहीं लगेगा ।

EMPLOYEES IN THE CALCUTTA TELEPHONES AUTOMATISATION BRANCH

*651. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR (ON BEHALF OF SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR): Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees under the work charged establish-

†English translation.