

DIBRUGARH PROTECTION SCHEME

236. SHRIMATI PUSHPALATA DAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken by Government for the improvement of facilities for the transport of stores and other necessary materials for the implementation of the Dibrugarh Protection Scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): The following engineering works have been sanctioned and have been taken in hand or are being started:—

(i) Construction of Railway siding taking off from the main line between Dibrugarh and Chautara to the river bank to provide necessary terminal facility for traffic in boulders.

(ii) Provision of additional loop at Namrup station.

(iii) Extension of sidings at the following stations:—

(a) Badulipar.

(b) Hojai.

(c) Borhat.

(d) Diphu.

(iv) Additional traffic facilities at Jagi Road.

(v) Restoration of Charali Hiji-guri Bye pass, with 2,000 ft. of new construction of track;

(vi) Conversion of under mentioned flag stations into crossing stations:—

(a) Lanpatia.

(b) Duliajan.

(2) Additional power and rolling stock are being made available for moving the traffic at present by re-distributing the existing resources and by making more intensive use. Close liaison is being maintained at very high level with the Assam Government in the planning for the move-

ment of stone and boulders required for the Project.

AIR ACCIDENTS

237. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air accidents which occurred in India from the 25th February, 1954 to date;

(b) the places where these accidents occurred and the loss of life in each accident; and

(c) how many of the aircraft which sustained accident were (i) Indian registered; and (ii) foreign registered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a), (b) and (c). 13 accidents occurred during the period 25th February to 13th December 1954 out of which 12 were to Indian registered aircraft and 1 to a foreign registered aircraft. The details of these accidents are given in the statement attached. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 108.]

IMPORT OF WHEAT

238. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have purchased or are likely to purchase Canadian wheat; and

(b) if so, how much and at what cost?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RADIO-PHOTO SERVICES

239. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Middle Eastern and other Asian countries with