

RAIL LINK WITH KATHGODAM

"9. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to link Kathgodam with the broad gauge rail line from Bareilly, Moradabad or Rampur was investigated by the Rail way Ministry ; and

(b) if so, what was the result of the investigation ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) No proposal to link Kathgodam by a a broad gauge line with Bareilly, Moradabad or Rampur has been investigated.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the hon. Minister please investigate it now ?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: So far as this proposal is concerned, i.e., to link Kathgodam by a broad gauge line with Bareilly, we do not propose to consider it further. The hon. Member is aware that we have to open up so many areas where there are no railways at all and therefore the question of converting meter gauge into broad gauge naturally pales into insignificance. Therefore, we do not propose to take up that project.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**EXPENDITURE IN SHIFTING THE GHAT AT SIMARIAGHAT**

58. SHRI R. B. SINHA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total cost of expenditure in shifting the Ghat at Simaria ghat (Monghyr, Bihar) in the years 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) whether the materials of the huts constructed each time are totally replaced or the old ones are also utilised; and

1 (c) if the old materials are also utilised to construct new huts, what have been the reductions in the cost of expenditures from year to year for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) The expenditure on Ghat shifting at Simariaghat during the last three years has been as under :

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| 1949-50 | . | . | Rs. 3.25 lakhs |
| 1950-51 | . | . | Rs. 3.45 lakhs |
| 1951-52 | . | . | Rs. 3.30 lakhs |

(b) The materials of the huts constructed each time are not totally replaced. Old materials which are serviceable are also utilised.

(c) The work is done on a contract basis and when old materials are partly unlisted the contractors are paid one-third less than the scheduled rates for construction of huts with all new materials. The annual saving on account of use of old materials has been approximately Rs. 15,000 during the last three years.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AT SIMARIAGHAT

59. SHRI R. B. SINHA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total area of land permanently acquired at Simariaghat (Monghyr, Bihar) during the years 1900 to 1951 in connection with the shifting of the railway station (formerly B. N. Rly. and at present O. T. Rly.) from time to time ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : Approximately 250 acres of land have been acquired permanently at Simariaghat.

SOCIAL EDUCATION SCHEME

60. SHRI R. B. SINHA : Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the scheme of the Government of India for Social Education and how is it co-ordinated with

similar schemes of the various State Governments;

(b) what were the amounts of expenditures incurred over the scheme from year to year during the last three years;

(c) what subsidies, grants or aids were given to the States or non-official institutions in this connection from year to year during the last three years and with what instructions or conditions; and

(d) will the Government place on the Table copies of the reports of their activities in this connection during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

(MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD) : (a) The scheme of the Government of India for Social Education is contained in the Final Report of the Adult (Social) Education Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education appointed in January

1948. The Report is published in Pamphlet No. 79 of the Bureau of Education, copies of which are available in the Library of the House. [See No. IV G. O. (17).]

In order to implement the recommendations contained in the Report, a conference of Provincial Education Ministers was convened in February 1949. Again in July 1949, a meeting of Provincial Officers-in-Charge of Social Education was held to co-ordinate more closely the social education work of the States. The proceedings of the Conference and the Meeting are contained in the pamphlet referred to above.

(b) and (c). The expenditure incurred by the Central Government by way of grants is given in the statement attached. (See Appendix II, Annexure No. 7). These grants were paid during 1949-50 and due to financial stringency were not repeated in subsequent years.

A statement showing grants paid to non-official organizations during 1949-50 is attached. (See Appendix II, Annexure No. 8.) The conditions for grants varied with each individual

case. The grants to State Governments were paid on the basis of their actual expenditure and firm commitments during 1949-50; the State Governments were expected to spend an equal amount from their own resources over a period of three years.

(d) An All-India Report on the progress of social education for the period 1947-51 is under compilation. A general account of the activities of the Ministry, including social education, is given in the annual reports of the Ministry submitted to the Parliament, copies of which are available in the library of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. IV G.O. (32).]

CONSTRUCTION OF AN AERODROME AT HALDWANI

SI. SHRI J. S. BISHT : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman of the Municipal Board, Nainital, approached the Director-General of Civil Aviation for the construction of an all-weather aerodrome at Haldwani to encourage tourist traffic to Kumaon Hills;

(b) whether the proposal was investigated by the Department; and

(c) if so, do Government propose to construct the said aerodrome and when?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The matter is under examination.

MATERIAL USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SHIPS

62. SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the material used for hull, superstructure, deck and cabin in the construction of ships at the Visakhapatnam shipyard is of Indian origin ;