

## 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 Railway 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 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 Simariaghat (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

(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 :

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 utilised 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