stations, the train engine collided with a motor truck at an unmanned level crossing. As a result, two persons were killed and 7 sustained injuries. The injuries of 4 persons were grievous. Later, the driver of the truck died in the hospital on 30th March, 1962. The accident took place due to the action of the truck driver who attempted to cross the railway track in the face of the approaching train.

INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES BY N.D.M.C.

•152. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the New Delhi Municipal Committee propose to increase the water charges by 50 per cent from the month of April, 1962?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): Yes, Sir.

Loss on Sugar Exports

•164. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the losses incurred on account of sugar exported to foreign countries during 1960-61?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): The lops during 1960-61 is estimated at Rs. 8:87 per maund on exports to U.S.A. and Rs. 15' 80 per maund on exports to other markets.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPER-GRID POWER DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM

- *168. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought the services of a French experts team to plan the establishment of a super-grid power distributing system In the country;

(b) if so, whether the French Government has accepted the request; and

to Questions

(c) by when the proposed team i* to start its work?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION
AND POWER (HAFIZ MOHAMMAD

IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c)

Do not arise.

LATE ARRIVAL OF TRAINS FROM MADRAS TO DELHI

- *169. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that on 15th April, 1962 all trains coming from Madras arrived late by several hours at the Delhi and the New Delhi Railway Stations; and
- (b) if so, what is the cause of this late running?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(to) An accident on 13th April, 1962 on Kazipet-Balharshah section caused interruption of through communication from above 20 hours on 13th April, 1962 till about 16'50 hours on 14th April, 1962.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY IN BANGALORE

- *170. DR. A. SUBBA RAO; Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Mysore has sought for any financial assistance from the Government of India for augmenting drinking water supply in Bangalore city; and
- (b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first phase of the Bangalore City Water Supply Improvement Scheme (Triplicate Main) estimated to cost Rs. 50 lakhs was approved in February 1961 under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme. In accordance with the prescribed pattern, financial assistance is being provided by the Government of India to the Government of Mysore in the form of loan.

CONVERSION OF MANGALORE PORT INTO A MAJOR PORT

- •171. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of Transport and Com-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) at what stage is the work in connection with the conversion Mangalore Port into a major pori;
- (b) what amount is proposed to be spent during the year for this purpose; and
- (c) whether the Ministry of Railways has since been advised to taks up Hasan-Mangalore rail link?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BAHADUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Experiments and investigations for determining the site of the harbour have already been completed. Further investigations, surveys and borings are at present being carried out by the Mangalore Port Trust to decide the lay-out of the Port. A Field Division, under an Executive Engineer, has been appointed to carry out these investigations quickly. On completion of these investigations and surveys, the detailed designs and estimates will b« prepared.

(b) A provision of Rs. 12 lakhs has been made in the Budget Estimates for 1962-63 to cover the cost of investigations, land acquisition, construction works, such as approach roads and staff quarters and acquisition of tools and plant.

to Questions

(c) The Mangalore-Hassan rail link project is included in the Third Five Year Pian programme of the Railways. The

Railway Ministry been have instructed by the Planning Commission to go ahead with the field work for the construction of this line. The phasing of the actual construction of the line will be coordinated with the construction of the Port.

WELFARE INSPECTORS ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY

- *172. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Railway Board to increase the number and categories of Welfare Inspectors on the Southern Railway;
- (b) if so, since what time the proposal is pending?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (by A proposal was received from the Southern Railway in September 1961 suggesting re-organisation of the Welfare set-up on that Railway and asking for additional posts of Welfare Inspectors. The Southern Railway have been asked to further examine the matter and come up with fresh proposals which will be considered when received.

चचाई प्रगत पर हाइड्रो-इलेक्ट्रिक प्लांट के लिए सर्वेक्षण

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