

grant-in-aid equal to this amount. On the basis of the detailed survey since carried out, the cost of the project is now estimated at Rs. 86.53 lakhs. The question of incidence of the excess expenditure of Rs. 26.53 lakhs was settled with the Assam Government recently and the Government of India will now bear the cost upto Rs. 77.88 lakhs, the balance being met by the State Government.

2. The estimate for the construction of guide bunds in connection with the bridge is likely to be sanctioned in a few days and the work will be taken up during the current year. The estimate for the bridge itself is under scrutiny and is expected to be sanctioned during the current year.

**MEDICAL AND SURGICAL UNITS FOR
LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE,
DELHI**

*809. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India had advised provision of two medical and two surgical units for the Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, in 1956; and

(b) whether Government have decided that Safdarjang and Willingdon Hospitals would provide two units each and Lady Hardinge Hospital might be the third? If so, the reasons for such decision?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The Inspectors appointed by the Medical Council of India in 1956 stated that in their opinion the best solution to meet all the requirements efficiently was either to build a wing in the compound of the college of 60 beds for male patients, 30 medical and 30 surgical, or to utilise the clinical material available in the Irwin Hospital.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

According to the requirements of the Medical Council of India for the proper teaching of the students of the Lady Hardinge Medical College, three units each in Surgery and Medicine and two units in Obstetrics and Gynaecology are required. It has accordingly been decided that these units should be located as follows:—

- (1) *Lady Hardinge Medical College*—
 - (i) Surgery—One unit.
 - (ii) Medicine—One unit.
 - (iii) Obstetrics and Gynaecology—Two units.
- (2) *Willingdon Hospital*—
 - (i) Surgery—One unit.
 - (ii) Medicine—Two units.
- (3) *Safdarjang Hospital*—
 - Surgery—One unit.

(Arrangements will also be made for teaching in specialities of Eye, E. N. and T. and Dentistry).

It has been decided to utilise the Safdarjang and Willingdon Hospitals for this purpose as they are being rapidly expanded and the Irwin Hospital is no longer considered suitable for this purpose owing to the opening of the Maulana Azad Memorial Medical College which is based on this hospital.

SETTLEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LABOUR AND HOLDERS OF UNECONOMIC PLOTS ON RECLAIMED LAND

*819. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many families of landless agricultural labourers and holders of uneconomic plots have so far been settled on reclaimed land on co-operative lines and in which States; and

(b) what allocation for this purpose has been made under the Second Five Year Plan and what is the number of families proposed to be resettled.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) According to information available in this Ministry out of the few States which have made provision in the Plan for the scheme of Resettlement of Landless Agricultural Labourers and availed of Central assistance, only the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have settled landless workers on co-operative lines and the number of workers so settled by these State Governments is 102 in Andhra Pradesh and 258 in Orissa.

(b) Allocation made and the number of landless labourers proposed to be settled are as under:—

ANDHRA PRADESH

Allocation in the Plan—Rs. 16.18 lakhs.

Number of labourers proposed to be settled—4078.

ORISSA

Allocation in the Plan—Rs. 10.00 lakhs.

Number of labourers proposed to be settled—400.

PRODUCTION OF TELEPHONE MACHINES IN INDIA

*825. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position regarding the production of telephone machines in India; and

(b) to what extent India has acquired self-sufficiency in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) About 60,000 telephones were produced during 1957-58 and the target for 1958-59 is 84,000.

(b) India is self-sufficient so far as telephone instruments are concerned.

FILARIA RESEARCH INSTITUTES

*826. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) how many Filaria Research Institutes have so far been set up in India and where;

(b) whether any effective antidote to this disease has been found;

(c) what is the incidence of filaria at present and how it compares with that of the pre-Research Institute days; and

(d) to what extent, if any, and in which affected areas appreciable achievements have so far been secured either towards control over or eradication of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) One at Delhi with a branch at Ernakulam (Kerala State).

(b) No.

(c) Exact figures are not available.

(d) It is too early to assess the results of the control programme.

EXPENDITURE ON RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

*829. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money spent so far on the Railway Development Programme since the commencement of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) in what proportion the expenditure so far incurred has been met from the internal and foreign resources;

(c) what are the amounts sanctioned by and actually borrowed from the World Bank for this purpose;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government propose to send another delegation to the World Bank for negotiating further loans; and