

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government on that representation?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) (i) Rs. 323 crores.

(ii) 1956-57 Rs. 3-96 crores
1957-58 Rs. 5-50 crores

Subsequent three years of the Plan.... Not yet decided.

(b) and (c). The project authorities asked for an increased allotment but were informed that the position would be reviewed some time later in the year.

IMPORT OF VACCINE TO COMBAT INFLUENZA

*41. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any vaccine has been imported to combat influenza; and

(b) if so, from which country it has been imported and on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

CONSTRUCTION OF TUBEWELLS

*49. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many tubewells have been constructed in the country under the Technical Co-operation Mission Programme and as part of the Grow More Food Campaign during the past one year;

(b) how many of them are working at present; and

(c) how many of the total number of the tube-wells constructed have so far been energised?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) 492 tubewells were constructed during the year ending June 1957.

(b) and (c). 941 tubewells in all were energised during the same period. Normally, a tubewell takes 3 to 4 years for its full development. These tubewells are in the various stages of development as source of irrigation. It cannot be precisely indicated as to how many of those actually constructed during the last 12 months were the ones actually energised and are working.

SHORTFALL IN TARGET OF ACREAGE UNDER JAPANESE METHOD OF PADDY CULTIVATION

*50. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the target of acreage under the Japanese method of paddy cultivation during the year 1956-57; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) No Sir. There has been an increase of 2'68 lakh acres under the method of Japanese Paddy Cultivation during 1956-57 over the area covered in 1955-56.

(b) The question does not arise.

VIOLENT BUMP IN A NIGHT AIR MAIL SERVICE PLANE

*51. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the cause of the exceptionally violent bump experienced by the Night Air Mail Service plane on the night of May 22-23 in which a Minister of the Government was travelling?

(b) whether the possible occurrence of such bump was earlier notified to the pilot of the plane; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) No such incident has been reported about any of the aircraft operating the Night Airmail Service on the night of May 22-23, 1957.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

PROGRESS IN CONSTRUCTION OF KOSI PROJECT

♦54.. SHRI J. H. JOSHI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the construction of the Kosi Project; and

(b) how far the construction of this Project has succeeded in averting the loss of life and damage to property usually caused by heavy floods?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) and (b). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The progress made so far in the construction of the Kosi project is indicated below:—

(1) *Barrage and Afflux Bund works.*—For the construction of the barrage and afflux bund, it was essential to construct—

(i) a pucca access road for a length of 26 miles from Bathnaha to Bhimnagar,

(ii) a narrow gauge Railway line from Bathnaha to Bhimnagar and Bhimnagar to Chatra and Dharan for a length of about 78 miles and to procure 100 Nos. of wagons and 20 Nos. of locomotives, and

(iii) staff colony of 44 quarters for gazetted officers, 362 for non-gazetted staff, 454 quarters for Class IV and work-charged staff besides buildings for office accommodation and subsidiary buildings for hospital, schools, etc.

Progress of works in respect of the access road is 90 per cent., of the railway line 60 per cent., and of the colony 60 per cent.

The Barrage consists of—

(i) eastern and western afflux bunds for a length of about 8 miles each, and

(ii) eastern and western earthen dams for a length of 12,000 ft, each,

(iii) concrete spillway structure for a length of 4,637 ft.

Progress of works on the eastern afflux bund is 92 per cent. Work on the western afflux bund has not been taken up so far as it is desirable to take it up along with the main dam. Work on the eastern earthen dam has just been started. Work on the concrete spillway portion is expected to be taken up during the next working season, if the railway line up to Chatra and Dharan is completed and the required materials and machinery procured by that time.

(2) *Embankments.*—About 82 per cent of earthwork involved in the eastern and western embankments has been done in a length of 135 miles out of 150 miles.

Out of the 27 sluices on the western embankment and 6 sluices on the eastern embankment, 18 sluices on the western embankment have been completed in all respects and 90 per cent of the work on the remaining 9 sluices has been done. Materials required for the construction of sluices on the eastern embankment have been collected and work will be taken up during the next working season.

About 85 per cent of staff quarters and inspection bungalows in connection with the embankment works has been completed.