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THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): No.

DEATH OF MONKEYS ON A LARGE SCALE IN AND AROUND PURANA QILA

80. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been instituted by Government into the death of monkeys on a large scale in and around Purana Qila at Delhi towards the end of the month of March 1957; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Investigation regarding the death of monkeys near Purana Qila was made by the Health Department of Delhi Administration.

(b) Some truck loads of young monkeys in a sick and debilitated condition were released by some one in the Purana Qila area on the evening of 20th March 1957, just before the onset of hailstorm. A considerable number of young monkeys died during the night of the hailstorm and subsequent days in the forested area. The cause of death of these monkeys was the combined effect of sickness, physical trauma and starvation. In order to trace the culprits a complaint has been lodged with the police for an offence punishable under section 290 I.P.C. and the matter is under investigation.

BENEFITS GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES OF THE BARIPADA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

81. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Baripada Telephone Exchange have

been given the benefits of the Central Pay Scales;

(b) if so, since when the benefits have been given; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, when they are likely to be given these benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ. BAHADUR): (a) Yes. Orders were issued on 2nd March 1957.

(b) 1st September 1954.

(c) Does not arise.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE AT MUSSOORIE

82. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the decisions which were taken in the Development Commissioners' Conference which was held at Mussoorie recently?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. K. DEY): Copies of "Main Recommendations and Conclusions of the Conference" have been placed in the Parliament Library.

PRIZES FOR GROWERS OF LONG STAPLE COTTON

83. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to award prizes to growers of long staple cotton; and

(b) if so, what are the particulars of the prizes to be awarded and the conditions governing such awards?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Prizes will be awarded by the Indian Central Cotton Committee in the manner indicated below:—