

Cross Conference will be held this year in India; if so;—

- (i) when; and
- (ii) what are the subjects on the agenda for the Conference?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): Yes.

- (i) From 28th October to 7th November, 1957.
- (ii) The agenda has not yet been finalised.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will they press against the use of nuclear weapons, and will this subject be brought on the agenda of this conference?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Sir, the Red Cross has concerned itself principally with the question of taking proper steps in respect of the civilian population that might be affected by such nuclear weapons. With regard to the more fundamental question of banning the use of nuclear weapons, the Chairman of our Society, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, moved a resolution at the session of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies in May 1954, and ultimately that resolution was adopted pleading with all the powers concerned to prohibit absolutely the use of nuclear weapons for war, and secondly, to establish effective international control on atomic energy which will ensure that this is used only for peaceful purposes, and thirdly, to take prompt and effective measures to protect all peoples from harm and damage resulting from tests of atomic energy. I should also like to add that the question of prohibition of these weapons is not likely to come up before the Conference that I just now referred to, though it might come up before the meeting of the Governors which is to take place also at about the same time.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, this Conference was scheduled to be held in October last year. Why has it been postponed for 12 months?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Actually, I think, Sir, it was scheduled to come up in January—I speak subject to correction—and it was postponed on grounds of convenience.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN HASSAN AND MANGALORE

*84. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken the construction of a railway line between Hassan and Mangalore and if not, when it will be undertaken;

(b) what are the important places through which the railway line will pass; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The survey report is still under examination of the Railway Board.

(b) The alignment is likely to pass through Sakleshpur, Horebett Subrahmanya Road and Puttur to Mangalore.

(c) The estimate is under scrutiny.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, when the survey was made? I want to know as to when the engineering survey was completed.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, surveys were completed in June 1955.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: If the survey was completed in June 1955, why is it that it has taken nearly two or three years for the Railway Board to examine that matter?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, all the surveys have to be scrutinised very thoroughly, especially when we are short of funds.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: What is the estimated cost of the line according to the report?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, for the broad gauge it will vary from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 crores and for the metre gauge from, say, Rs. 8½ to Rs. 10 crores.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Is it within the knowledge of the hon. Minister that this survey has been going on right from 1909?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are responsible only after 1947.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Is it the policy of the Government that whenever a new line is suggested for South India, it is always under scrutiny and consideration?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Sir, if the hon. Member had been aware of how many new lines have been opened in the South, he would not have put that question.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know if the construction work is likely to be taken up in the Second Five Year Plan period?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is not much likelihood of its being taken up in the Second Plan period.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: Then at least in the Third Plan period?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The matter will have to be considered later.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Sir, the hon. Deputy Minister for Railways complained just now that there was shortage of funds. Has this recent operation of raising the railway fare not been sufficient to cope with the shortage of which he complained just now?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No, Sir.

LAND TO BE IRRIGATED UNDER SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

***85. SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land to be brought under irrigation in each State during the Second Five Year Plan under the Grow More Food Scheme and Community Projects Administration Irrigation Scheme; and

(b) the amount of the Central assistance to be given to each State for the above purpose during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XVII, Annexure No. 17.]

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the percentage, Sir? Is it expected to go up by bringing so many acres under irrigation?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Our target is to bring nine million acres under irrigation and minor irrigation schemes, and about the percentage I cannot say anything now.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Does it include the projects under tubewells also?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Yes, it is inclusive of the projects under tubewells.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know, Sir, the amount that will be given to the State of Bihar for this purpose?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: For Bihar State, in 1957-58, it will be Rs. 29,93,000 under grants, and under long-term loans it will be Rs. 42,68,000.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Government is not giving enough assistance to peasants to convert their land from dry culti-