

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) During the First Five Year Plan period, the progress of road construction in Sikkim was rather slow due to extreme shortage of labour and other initial difficulties peculiar to that region. The progress, however, improved considerably during 1956-57 and this is being kept up.

(b) Does not arise.]

POWER HOUSES OF THE BHAKRA NANGAL PROJECT

*230. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the names of the Power Houses of the Bhakra Nangal Project which have started supplying electricity and the areas in which this electricity is being supplied; and

(b) the names of the Power Houses which are expected to start functioning during the current year?

THE MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) Two Power Houses, namely Ganguwal and Kotla on Nangal Hydel Channel have started supplying electricity. The electricity generated at these Power Houses is being utilized in Delhi and Punjab.

(b) No power House is expected to start functioning during the current year.

TESTING OF WATER IN DELHI

*231. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been regularly conducting physical, chemical and bacteriological tests of water drawn from wells for human consumption and water used for manufacturing ice and aerated water in the different factories of Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government are satisfied that there is no pollution in the water used for the above purposes?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b). Samples are taken by the Municipalities and also by the Director of Health Services, Delhi and sent for physical, chemical and bacteriological analysis. In case of contamination, steps are always taken to dis-infect the source of water supply. Water drawn from shallow wells is not always safe and the public is, therefore, regularly advised to use it after boiling.

EXAMINATIONS FOR P. AND T. DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

244. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who appeared in the examinations for recruitment to the posts of Inspectors of Post Offices and Head Clerks to the Superintendents of Post Offices in each year from 1954 onwards; and

(b) how many of them were taken in service during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) (i) 1954—No examination was held. (ii) 1955—1,770 including 422 from R.M.S. side). (iii) 1956—No examination was held. (iv) 1957—Slightly over 2,500 (Feb.).

(b) (i) 1955 Examination—119 (including 34 from R.M.S. side).

(ii) 1957 (Feb.) Examination—Result not yet announced.

FAMILY PLANNING CENTRES

245. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of family planning centres working in each State in the