

(b) The increase of population in India constitutes a big national problem. During the First Five Year Plan, efforts had been primarily directed to build up active public opinion in favour of Family Planning on the basis of existing knowledge. People on the whole are now family planning conscious. The stage has therefore been set for—

(i) opening more Government-aided Family Planning Clinics, especially in rural areas;

(ii) increasing publicity through audio-visual aids;

(iii) training medical and auxiliary personnel in Family Planning;

(iv) laying down standards for contraceptives; and

(v) undertaking Demographic as well as Medical and Biological Research Studies.

(c) Rs. 5,50,639 during the three months from September to November, 1956.

<d) A sum of Rs. 40 lakhs has been proposed for the next year.

IDDIKI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT IN THE FORMER STATE OF TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

238. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Iddiki Hydro-Electric Project in the former State of Travancore-Cochin was inaugurated in the third week of September, 1956; and

(b) if so—

(i) what is the cost of this project; and

(ii) what is its estimated power potential?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) Investigation work in connection with the utilisation of irrigation and power potential of the Pariyar Valley including the Iddiki Hydro-Electric scheme was inaugurated on the 17th September, 1956.

(b) (i) Rs. 32-5 crores approximately—

(ii) 4.20.000 K.W. approximately, at 60 per cent load factor.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY YARD AT BARAUNI JUNCTION

239. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the railway yard at Barauni Junction on the North-Eastern Railway has been started; and

(b) if so, by what time the yard would be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) The work on the construction of the new BG/MG transshipment yard on the north bank near Barauni Junction on the North-Eastern Railway has been started.

(b) The transshipment yard will be completed by the end of June, 1959.

RECEIPT OF ANNUAL PLANS FROM STATES BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

240. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tentative proposals regarding the annual plans for 1957-58 have since been received from the various States; and

(b) if so, whether steps to finalise the plans are now in hand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) Up to the 15th December, 1956, the tentative proposals for 1957-58 were received from four States and two Union territories. It is expected that proposals from most of the States will be received by the end of the month.