

(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.

(b) A programme of discussions at the headquarters of each State between teams of officers from the Planning Commission and Central Ministries and the representatives of State Governments has been arranged. The discussions will conclude by the end of January, 1957.

REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF RAILWAY FREIGHT ON THE GOODS OF THE ALL-INDIA HANDICRAFT BOARD

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

(a) whether the All-India Handicraft Board has made any representation to Government for a reduction of 50 per cent. in the rate of railway freight on the goods produced by the Board; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

DEVELOPMENT OF AYACUT IN TUNGABHADRA PROJECT

242. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of Ayacut in the Tungabhadra Project is behind schedule;

(b) if so, whether any assistance in this connection was sought for by the participating States from the Centre; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what was the assistance provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The development has not been as rapid as was expected.

(b) and (c). The Government of India sanctioned the following loans during the year 1955-56 for the

development of Ayacut under the Tungabhadra Project:—

Andhra	...	Rs. 50 lakhs.
Mysore	...	Rs. 25 lakhs.
Hyderabad	..	Rs. 27 lakhs.

नगर सीमाओं के अन्दर शव-संस्कार

२४३. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को सूचना है कि दिल्ली और अन्य केन्द्र प्रशासित क्षेत्रों की नगर-सीमाओं के अंदर मृतक गाड़े व जलाये जाते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि ऐसा है, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार कर रही है ?

†[DISPOSAL OF DEAD BODIES WITHIN CITY LIMITS]

243. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that dead bodies are being buried and burnt within the city limits of Delhi and other cities in the Union Territories; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?]

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर):

(क) व (ख). इस बारे में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और उसके मिलने पर उचित कार्यवाही की जायेगी।

†[THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and on its receipt such action as may be deemed necessary will be taken.]

RAILWAY OFFICERS ON DEPUTATION TO OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS

244. SHRI R. P. TAMTA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Class I Officers of the following Railway