

(c) whether it is a fact that fresh damage by erosion has been caused this year also; and

(d) if so, where and to what extent?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information furnished by the Kerala Government is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 21]

#### Malaria Control Scheme

\*58. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the present position with regard to Malaria Control Scheme;

(b) whether any assessment of the work done and results achieved so far has been made; and

(c) if so, whether a copy of the report of such assessment will be laid on the Table of the Sabha?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Out of the 200 Malaria Control Units allotted to the States 153.25 Units have started functioning.

(b) and (c). No formal assessment of the work has yet been made but periodical reports received from the participating States indicate that as against about 75 million people reported to suffer from malaria every year prior to 1953, the number has come down to about 20 million in 1956.

#### Electrification of Madras-Arkonam Railway Line

\*59. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether in view of the heavy traffic between Madras and Arkonam there is any scheme to electrify the line?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** No, Sir, it is not expected that on this section, during the Second Plan, traffic would increase to saturation with steam traction.

#### Posts and Telegraphs Department Museum

\*60. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 674 on the 30th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken as regards the setting up of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department Museum; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). Tentative plans for the establishment of a P & T Museum have been drawn up. These are at present being examined.

#### Hailstorm-damage in Delhi

\*61. **Shri Kadhya Raman:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loss of crop occurred in Delhi area as a result of hailstorm in the month of March this year;

(b) if so, the estimated total loss caused and the number of villages affected;

(c) measures taken by Government to help the villagers in this connection;

(d) whether Prime Minister who visited the affected areas gave any suggestions or made any recommendations to meet the situation; and

(e) how far these recommendations have been carried out so far?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Yes.

(b) The assessment made of the extent of damage caused to Rabi crops by hailstorm in 68 villages where the damage was estimated at 50% and above indicates a loss of Rs. 18,98,584.

(c) The following relief measures have been taken to help the villagers in the affected areas:—