

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** It is for the labour unions to take up the question with the Permanent Negotiating Machinery.

**Terminal Building, Calcutta Airport**

**\*281. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terminal building at Calcutta Airport is considered adequate and worthy of one of the busiest airports in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that it deals with the heaviest air traffic on international routes;

(c) whether it deals with heaviest air traffic on internal lines also;

(d) whether its expansion is being considered; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a), (d) and (e). The present terminal building is considered inadequate. The construction of a new terminal building at a cost of Rs. 1,06,83,000 has already been sanctioned.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know whether the construction of this new terminal building is going to be taken up at an early date; if so, when?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** It has already begun.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Why was not the question of construction of terminal buildings and the construction of jet runways in airports taken together. Delhi is done, Calcutta is neglected, Madras is supposed to take in jets....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The question relates to one terminal building and not all.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** What we have to ask the Minister is, why is it that

there is no co-ordinated plan, why is it that the construction of terminal building and construction of jet runways was not taken together?

**Shri Mohiuddin:** It is a co-ordinated plan. All the four international airports are constantly under review and consideration, and schemes are being approved as they come in for their improvements.

**N.E.S. Blocks**

**\*284. Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of **Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision on the question of conversion of all the National Extension Service Blocks in tribal areas into Special Multi-purpose Blocks or Tribal Blocks;

(b) if so, the number of Blocks so converted; and

(c) the future programme for establishment of or conversion into Special Multipurpose Blocks or Tribal Blocks?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy):** (a) to (c). The transfer of the question has been accepted by the Ministry of Home Affairs who are dealing with the subject and it would be answered by the Minister of Home Affairs on a subsequent date.

**Highway Bridge at Agra on Jumna**

**\*285. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a highway bridge was proposed to be constructed at Agra on river Jumna to relieve heavy congestion of traffic and consequent long detentions on the existing rail-road bridge.

(b) whether the proposal has been sanctioned; and

(c) if so, when the work is likely to be taken in hand?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Due to paucity of funds this work could not be included in the Third Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Is it a fact that this proposal was sanctioned in the first instance?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** In fact, some preliminary work was also taken up. The survey was ordered and land acquisition was also gone into, but because of paucity of funds it had to be given up for the time being.

**Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Will the Government reconsider the proposal?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion for action.

#### Major and Medium Irrigation Projects

\*286. **Shri J. P. Jyotishi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation projects taken up during the first and the second Five Year Plans;

(b) the amount spent on them;

(c) the irrigation potential expected to be created; and

(d) how much land was actually irrigated during the year 1961-62 by these projects?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim):** (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table.

#### STATEMENT

In the First Five Year Plan, 250 irrigation schemes (20 major irrigation +230 medium) were included, of which 237 (19 major+218 medium) schemes taken up for execution during the First Plan period. In the Second

Five Year Plan, 118 new schemes (30 major+158 medium) were included, of which 154 irrigation schemes (21 major+133 medium) were taken up for execution. In addition, 13 irrigation schemes, which were not taken up in the First Plan were also started in this period bringing the total number of major and medium irrigation schemes taken up in the Second Plan to 167.

By the end of the Second Plan period an outlay of Rs. 670 crores had been incurred on these schemes.

The irrigation potential created upto 1961-62 from these schemes was about 12.9 million acres. The area expected to be irrigated during 1961-62 is of the order of 9.8 million acres. Figures of actual irrigation at the end of 1961-62 are not yet available.

**Shri J. P. Jyotishi:** From the statement it is evident that out of 438 schemes only 404 have been executed. May I know how many of these schemes have been completed so far?

**Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim:** That is already mentioned in the statement. If the House so desires, I can read it out.

**Mr. Speaker:** If it is contained in the statement, it need not be read.

**Shri J. P. Jyotishi:** What about the 40 schemes that have been left out?

**Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim:** According to my calculation, the figures given by the hon. Member do not tally with mine. So, I do not know how far they are correct. I will enquire about it and inform the hon. Member of the position.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** May I put a question?

**Mr. Speaker:** He ought to have stood up before I called the next question.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** I did stand up, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** All right.