

(ग) तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में राम गंगा बांध से मथुरा और आगरा जिलों को सिंचाई के लिये पानी देने का क्या प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) उपरोक्त कार्यों को पूरा करने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

**सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री अलमेशन) :** (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस परियोजना से सिंचाई करने की कोई योजना नहीं है । १९६६-७० से ही सिंचाई आरम्भ होने की संभावना है ।

(घ) रामगंगा परियोजना के १९६५-६६ में पूर्ण होने की संभावना है ।

#### Road Board

\*79. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri Bhakt Darshan:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Road Board to develop the roads in the country so as to eliminate the transport bottleneck;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any scheme in the matter and if so, when it is expected to materialise;

(c) whether it has been decided that the Central Government will pay the State Governments 50 per cent. of the cost of improving feeder and approach roads for coal traffic?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). A proposal made by the Indian Roads Congress for the constitution of a Road Board is being examined. A decision in the matter is, however,

likely to take some time as it raises certain issues of policy and involves several administrative and legal problems including consultation with various authorities.

(c) Following the recommendations of the Working Group set up by the Planning Commission to consider various matters pertaining to the production and transport of coal, a Scheme for the improvement of road communications in the Bengal-Bihar region to facilitate the transport of coal from that area has been accepted by the Planning Commission. The Scheme provides, *inter alia*, for a Central subsidy equal to 50 per cent. of the cost of feeder and approach roads included in the Scheme.

#### Locust Invasions

**Shri P. K. Deo:**  
**Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
\*80. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri D. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri Inder J. Malhotra:**  
**Shri P. R. Patel:**  
**Shri D. J. Naik:**  
**Shri Chhotubhai Patel:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been large scale locust invasions in the country lately;

(b) if so, which of the areas are affected and how much damage has been caused;

(c) what steps were taken to counteract this attack and with what results; and

(d) which other foreign countries participated in this anti-locust work?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajasthan, Punjab, Union Territory of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have been affected so far. The damage caused to crops is estimated to be Rs. 1,52,000 over an area of 10,000 acres in Uttar Pradesh. Information about other affected areas is awaited from the respective State Governments.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table.  
[See Appendix I, annexure No. 12].

(d) None.

### परिवहन उपक्रम

\*६१. { श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी :  
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :  
श्री व० कु० दास :  
श्री सुबोध हंसदा :  
श्री रामेश्वर टांडिया :  
श्री श्रीनारायण दास :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय-कृत परिवहन सेवाओं की कठिनाइयों का अध्ययन करने के लिये कोई अध्ययन समिति नियुक्त की है और यदि हां, तो सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकारों ने केन्द्र से राष्ट्रीयकृत परिवहन सेवाओं को प्रोत्साहन देने की मांग की है; और यदि हां, तो किन राज्यों ने तथा किस प्रकार के प्रोत्साहन की मांग की गई है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में नौबहन मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर): (क) और (ख). अक्तूबर, १९६१ में आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने सुझाव दिया था कि आंध्र प्रदेश स्टेट ट्रांसपोर्ट कारपोरेशन (और दूसरे प्रदेशों के ऐसे कारपोरेशनों) को प्रायः कर से छूट दे दी जाये। यह सुझाव परिवहन विकास परिषद् की अक्तूबर १९६१ की बैठक में रखा गया था। परिषद् ने सिफारिश की कि जिन सड़क परिवहन

सेवाओं का राष्ट्रीयकरण किया गया है उन की कठिनाइयों के अध्ययन के लिये एक सरकारी समिति बनाई जाये जो यह सुझाव देगी कि इन्हें कर मुक्ति के रूप में या अन्यथा प्रोत्साहन देने की आवश्यकता है। यह विषय विचाराधीन है।

### Agricultural Production

{ श्री Basumatari:  
\*82. { श्री Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
{ श्री Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have under consideration the proposal that an inducement for increased production (quantitative as well as qualitative) should be provided to State Governments by linking the quantum of Central Grants to the States with performance in the field of agriculture;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal to review agricultural production at a high level after every three months to eliminate bottlenecks and prevent shortfalls; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The Central grants to States for their agricultural programmes, each year, are governed, among other things, by the patterns of financial assistance prescribed for different schemes, the agreed outlays thereunder, and the progress of expenditure under the different sub-heads of development.

(b) and (c). The progress of major production programmes is already being reviewed at periodical intervals at different levels.