

Transportation of Coal

- *83. { Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to ease the transport of coal from coal fields to the consuming places;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is still shortage of wagons for this;

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to manufacture these wagons; and

(d) how long will it take to remove the shortage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 16].

Cambay Power Project

- *84. { Shri C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any order has been placed for machineries required for the Cambay Power Project;

(b) whether the entire foreign exchange requirement will be met from the loan to be advanced by the Agency of International Development, U.S.A.;

(c) if so, what is the total amount required for this purpose; and

(d) what amount will be required to purchase the indigenous materials for the construction of the Power Project?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) \$ 33.6 million.

(d) Rs. 9 crores will be required to cover the cost of land, civil works, water supply and cooling system, miscellaneous equipment and includes the establishment charges. Exact amount required for purchase of indigenous materials is not known.

Colourisation of Vanaspati

*85. Will Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 831 on the 17th May, 1962; and state:

(a) whether studies to find toxicity or *ratanjot* root dye for colouring vanspati have since been completed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Upper Sileru Project

- *86. { Shri Surendranath Dwivedi:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Dr. K. L. Rao:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh proposals have been forwarded by the Centre to Andhra Government in regard to Upper Sileru Project;

(b) whether concurrence of Government of Orissa has been obtained to the new proposals; and

(c) when the proposals are likely to be finalised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes; Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa are scheduled to meet Member (Natural Resources), Planning Commission, in the second week of August, 1962 to discuss the matter. It is hoped that some settlement will be arrived at in this meeting.

Food Poisoning Cases in Assam and West Bengal

- *88. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri Hem Barua:
- { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
- { Shri Yashpal Singh:
- { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
- { Shri P. C. Borooah:
- { Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
- { Shri Tridib Kumar
- { Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether a mystery disease of paralysis is spreading rapidly in Assam and West Bengal tolling heavy loss of life due to contaminated flour with triorthocresyl phosphate?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): 450 cases of a disease crippling the patients by paralytic action of lower limbs occurred in Malda and Dinajpur Districts of West Bengal from the first week of April upto the 19th June, 1962. No further cases of the disease have been reported since then from these areas.

180 cases of paralysis are also reported to have occurred in Chhotopukhuri in Darrang District in Assam in a Catholic Mission. Further investigations in the matter are in progress.

Mechanised Farms

- *89. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri P. C. Borooah:
- { Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
- { Shri Bhakt Darshan:
- { Shri Hem Raj:

- { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
- { Shri P. Kunhan:
- { Shri M. K. Kumaran
- { Shri Ram Ratan Gupta.
- { Shri Daji:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to set up mechanised farms on the model of Suratgarh Farm in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether they have selected the sites; and

(c) whether foreign co-operation will be made available for launching the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes.

(b) One site (at Jetsar) near Suratgarh has already been selected. Some other sites are under the consideration of the Committee on Large-sized Mechanized Farms.

(c) There is no proposal yet for foreign cooperation for setting up the new farms

Withdrawal of Alarm Chains from Trains

- *90. { Shri P. K. Deo:
- { Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri Raghunath Singh:
- { Shri Subodh Hansda:
- { Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether alarm chains have been withdrawn from some trains;

(b) if so, from which of the trains; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.