

assistance to nature-cure institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Financial assistance is proposed to be given to suitable public charitable institutions in nature cure with at least three years' standing for

- (i) equipping themselves with pathological laboratories;
- (ii) research project; and
- (iii) introduction of a uniform syllabus for a 4-year/2-year course for practitioners of nature-cure and for training of assistants to help nature-cure practitioners.

Metal Card Railway Passes

*207. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what are the categories of officers, Class I and II, who are entitled to the use of Metal Card Passes;

(b) whether these officers are also allowed to take their families on their passes while they travel on duty; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) All class I and II Railway Officers who are required to perform rail journey on duty are issued Metal Card passes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railway officers have to tour extensively the areas under their jurisdiction, and the privilege of taking family (wife and children only) on Metal Card passes has been in vogue from the time railways started running in the country.

D. V. C. Power Supply

- *208. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:**
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Mohammad Elias:

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

(a) the Sachdev Committee's assessment of West Bengal's electricity demands which the Damodar Valley Corporation will be called upon to meet in 1965-66;

(b) what will be the total requirements of power for West Bengal at the end of Third Five Year Plan;

(c) whether State Governments and Damodar Valley Corporation have separately submitted their views on the Sachdev Committee Report;

(d) whether the Central Government have made detailed comments on the report as a whole; and

(e) whether it is a fact that industrial expansion has been stopped in West Bengal due to shortage of power?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):

(a) Inside the valley 178.07 MW (simultaneous demand). Outside the valley 155.58 MW. (simultaneous demand).

(b) 1283.15 MW.

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

(e) Industrial expansion has also been affected by shortage of power.

Suicide committed by jumping into Engine Furnace at Cuttack

- { **Shri M. N. Swamy:**
 *209. { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
 { **Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a man jumped into the furnace of an engine of Howrah Madras Mail at Cuttack Railway Station on the 3rd July, 1962; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the driver of the engine in spite of being informed of the occurrence, moved the train?

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

(a) While no definite evidence from any eye-witness is available to confirm the incident, circumstantial evidence would seem to suggest that an unknown person entered the smoke

box not furnace of an engine and was burnt to death.

(b) The driver appears to have been told so casually by another unknown person but he (driver) did not believe that person because of the very unusual nature of the information.

Haulage of Goods by Road

*211. { **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to undertake long distance haulage of goods by road; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

The Minister of Shipping (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Second Telephone Factory

*212. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

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

(a) the progress made so far in setting up of another factory for manufacture of telephones;

(b) whether any site has been selected for the purpose;

(c) the details of the site; and

(d) the target date for the completion of the same?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) to (d). No final decision has so far been taken regarding the setting up of another factory for manufacture of telephones. Government are still awaiting the report of a Technical Committee regarding the type of equipment to be used in future and further consideration to the matter will be given after this report has been submitted to Government.

Gandak Project

*213. { **Shri K. N. Tiwary:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gandak Project is facing difficulties owing to coal scarcity; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove those difficulties?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No; Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bagh River Project

*214. **Shri Mohan Swarup:** Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 49 on the 21st April, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra Governments have finally considered the proposal regarding Bagh River Project; and

(b) whether the Planning Commission have approved this joint venture of the two Governments?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Approval could be conveyed only after the agreed proposals are received and examined.

Regional Fruit and Vegetable Research Stations

423. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1460 on the 17th May, 1962 and state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken on the location of the regional Fruit and Vegetable Research Stations; and

(b) if so, where they will be located?