

enough water for the project, and we will take steps to sanction it.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether it is a fact that this project is a very simple one, not involving any foreign exchange, and when this project will be executed it will yield 2 lakhs to 3 lakhs tons of rice in a short period?

Shri Alagesan: The project, perhaps, may be a simple one. But there is a lot of points of view that the experts put forward and a lot of correspondence gathers around it. It may be a simple one, but it becomes a little complicated after examination by the experts.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know the amount of water that is going to be stored under this project as per the report of the Andhra Pradesh Government.

Shri Alagesan: As per the latest assessment it is going to be 66 T.M.C.

Re: Q. No. 339

Mr. Speaker: Next Question—Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

An Hon. Member: He is not present.

Mr. Speaker: Shri Ram Ratan Gupta.

Shri Ram Ratan Gupta rose—

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

Shri Ram Ratan Gupta: Question No. 339.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over now.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

T. B. Patients in Delhi

*320. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated by Gov-

ernment to provide free treatment to poor T.B. patients in Delhi; and

(b) if so, how soon this scheme will come into operation, and what are its financial implications?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) A Pilot Project for control of T.B. in Delhi area is being worked out and is expected to be finalised soon.

(b) The provisional estimate of expenditure on it is Rs. 15 lakhs for buildings and equipment and Rs. 25 lakhs annually for staff and material.

Paralysis Cases in Malda

*324. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1620 on the 24th August, 1962 and state:

(a) whether further investigations have since been conducted into the causes of the paralysis cases in Malda;

(b) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Intimation has been received from the Government of West Bengal that investigations into the cause of the said disease were carried out by the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta and the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta. These investigations have established that the disease was due to consumption of wheat flour which somehow got contaminated with a chemical substance known as tricresyl phosphate.

**'Note Pass' Cases Pending in
Customs Department**

*326. { **Shri Morarka:**
Shri K. C. Pant:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) how many 'Note Pass' cases are pending in the Customs Department for finalisation;