

Ram): (a). No, only ward Nos. 5 and 6 are included in the local delivery area of Calcutta.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Birati area was under the delivery jurisdiction of Dumdum post office and as soon as Dumdum post office was included in the local delivery area of Calcutta, this area automatically came within the Calcutta local delivery area under the rules framed in this regard.

(e) It is under examination why the entire North Dumdum municipality should not be included in the Calcutta local delivery area.

Free Mid Day Meals for New Delhi School Children

***1068. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether some arrangements have been made to provide free mid-day meals for 30,000 school children should be addressed to the Minister Schools; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). This question should be addressed to the Minister of Education.

Purchase of Diesel Locomotives from U.S.A.

***1069.** { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:

will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to purchase 40 diesel-electric locomotives from United States during this year;

(b) if so, details of the same along with terms;

(c) whether it is a fact that these locomotives will serve as models to be manufactured in India at Banaras workshop; and

(d) if so, details of this programme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Yes; an order has been placed in November, 1961 on M/s. Overseas Diesel Corporation, New York, for 40 Broad gauge diesel electric locomotives for delivery in 1962 at a price of \$248.627 or Rs. 11.84 lakhs per locomotive F.A.S. (free alongside the vessel) to be financed from a DLF Loan.

(c) and (d). The firm on whom the order has been placed are those with whom a technical collaboration agreement has been signed for the manufacture of diesel locomotives in the Diesel Locomotive Works at Varanasi. The 40 locomotives ordered are of a type that will be manufactured in the initial stages at Varanasi. In 1963-64, 10 to 15 broad gauge locomotives will be imported in knocked down condition and assembled at Varanasi. In 1964-65, 35 broad locomotives and in 1965-66, 70 broad gauge locomotives will be manufactured at Varanasi with maximum possible indigenous contents, importing components only to the extent necessary.

National Highway in Bikaner and Churu Districts

1939. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the National Highway in the Bikaner and Churu Districts of Rajasthan has been started;

(b) if so, when the work is scheduled to be completed; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, when it is likely to be taken in hand?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a). No. Sir.