

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The hon Member's geography is not very strong. The answer to that question can only be 'yes'. May I, however, say this? I have said that we have expressed our concern about military action there. But, the legal and constitutional position there, in regard to Muscat and Oman, is somewhat complicated and I do not think I am in a position even to define it exactly although I have taken some trouble to read old papers about it.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** May I know if we have any consular or other representative in the area of Oman and Muscat and if so, whether we have got any direct information from that source on what is happening?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** No, Sir. We have no one in Oman. I am not at the moment quite clear whether we have anyone in Muscat. But, we have no information from there.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if there is any information from our High Commissioner's office in London or from the Arab League or from our ambassador at Cairo?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon Prime Minister has said that all the information he has is from the newspapers. Shall we go on asking whether he has received any report from Cairo or America or Canada?

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Foodgrains in Railway Godowns

\*936. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware that some merchants of Bhagalpur (Bihar) are not taking delivery of large quantities of foodgrains from the Railway godown at Bhagalpur Station and have created scarcity condition in the Bhagalpur market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to combat this tendency?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No.  
(b) Does not arise.

##### Inland Fishery Research

\*939. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Sanganna:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Inland Fisheries Research Station, Calcutta, deals with fish and fisheries of the Ganga and the Mahanadi basins;

(b) if so, whether research on edible fish of ponds, lakes and reservoirs, in the Gangetic delta areas, has so far been neglected;

(c) whether there is any proposal to take up the matter in the near future; and

(d) if so, whether problems of water pollution and their effect on fish will also be studied?

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

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The study on water pollution problems has already been initiated.

##### Central India Rivers Commission (Floods)

\*942. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central India Rivers Commission (Floods) met at Mysore on the 24th July, 1957 to discuss flood protection schemes in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bombay; and

(b) if so, whether the Mahanadi River System in Orissa was one of them?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Esthal):** (a) Yes, Sir.

The progress made by the States concerned in the execution of flood control schemes was reviewed at the meeting and the programme of work for the 1957-58 working season was also considered.

(b) Yes, Sir. The progress on the schemes under execution in the Mahanadi basin was noted by the Commission.

**Express Train between Behrampur and Hyderabad**

\*948. Shri Rajagopalan Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra requested the Railway Ministry to run an express train between Behrampur and Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Running of an additional train on the Kazipet-Vizianagram Section owing to want of line capacity is not possible. The demand, however, can be partially met by eliminating certain halts and accelerating 101 Up and 102 Dn Hyderabad-Vizagapatam Passenger trains. The question of linking up these trains to and from Puri by cancelling the Madras-Puri Passenger trains over the Waltair-Puri Section is also under consideration. When the examination has been completed, General Managers, Southern and South Eastern Railways will discuss the proposals with the State Government and Zonal Time Table Committee Representatives to elicit public reaction to the curtailment of halts etc., before implementing this.

**राजस्थान में सड़कों**

११०. श्री ह० च० जर्ना : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पहली योजना की प्रगति में केन्द्रीय सड़क निर्माण से कितनी चन राजस्थान सरकार की ही मधी और कुन कितने मील सड़क बनाई गई ?

परिवहन तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : पहली पंच वर्षीय योजना काल के अंतर्गत, केन्द्रीय सड़क निर्माण से राजस्थान राज्य सरकार को १४१.५२ लाख रुपये की पूजा मजूर की गई थी। राज्य सरकार ने इस में से ११०.१० लाख रुपये ६१६ मील लम्बी सड़कों के निर्माण पर खर्च किये हैं।

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences**

\*955. Dr. Atchamamba: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plans for the buildings required for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, have been drawn up by foreign architects;

(b) if so, how much money has been paid for that work; and

(c) whether it is a fact that construction of these buildings has been given to foreign contractors?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes. The plans of the main buildings of the All India Institute of Medical Science have been drawn by a firm of foreign Architects practising in India. The plans for the residential buildings of the Institute have been prepared by the Senior Architect of the Health Ministry and the C.P.W.D.

(b) Rs. 5,50,000.

(c) The construction of the buildings is by the Central P.W.D. No foreign contractors have been employed.

**Food Subsidies to States**

\*957. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
Shri Panigrahi:

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

(a) whether any overall assessment of the needs of various States,