

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 बरिबहुन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पहली योजना की प्रवधि में केन्द्रीय सड़क निर्माण में से किसकी बन राजस्थान सरकार की ही मंत्री और कुन किसने मील सड़क बनाई गई ?

बरिबहुन तथा संचार मंत्री राजस्थान में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : पहली पंच वर्षीय योजना काल के अन्तर्गत, केन्द्रीय सड़क निर्माण में 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,