

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Yes. The Eastern Regional Committee (Agriculture) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met at Darjeeling in the month of September, 1957.

(b) A copy of the proceedings of the Committee is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 17].

#### Ferry Service Across Brahmaputra

\*42. { **Shri Amjad Ali:**  
**Shri Basumatari:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 797 on the 12th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the scrutiny of tenders for the purchase of two ferry crafts for crossing Brahmaputra at Jogighopa Pancharatna in the State of Assam has been completed; and

(b) if so, whether orders have been placed with any firm?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Rihand Dam Project

\*43. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri Rup Narain:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact as reported in the press that Government have decided to drop the Rihand Dam Project; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### सामुदायिक विकास

\*४४. श्री लखन प्रभाकर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार भूदान और ग्रामदान के उद्देश्य से सहकारिता आन्दोलन और सामुदायिक विकास के एकीकरण के सम्बन्ध में विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस दिशा में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

**खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन):**

(क) तथा (ख): राज्य सरकारों को सामुदायिक विकास और राष्ट्रीय विकास सेवा कार्यकर्ताओं तथा भूदान व ग्रामदान कार्यकर्ताओं के बीच, जितना अधिक से अधिक मुम्किन हो सके, सहयोग करने की हिदायत दे दी गई है ।

#### Purchase of Motor Boats by D.V.C.

\*45. { **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**  
**Shri M. Elias:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that out of thirty-five motor boats bought from an ex-ruler by the Damodar Valley Corporation delivery was given only of twenty-seven motor boats and of eight additional engines;

(b) the expense incurred by the Damodar Valley Corporation for maintenance and running of the boats and for the construction of a jetty; and

(c) the amount collected during 1955-56 and 1956-57 from passengers using the said boats?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) No, Sir. 27 boats and 8 out-board engines were