

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 मुमकिन 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

purchased and not 35 motor boats. Delivery was accordingly taken of 27 boats and 8 out-board engines.

(b) Rs. 21,678.

(c) Boats were purchased by the D.V.C. mainly for malaria control, hydro-logical surveys, fisheries and inspection purposes. Tourism was one of the subsidiary objects. Income derived from all the boats during the period 1955-56 and 1956-57 was Rs. 1,088. Major dams at Maithon and Panchet were not ready during this period for tourists.

Road Bridge near Rangapur

*46. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1060 on the 22nd August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any tender has been accepted and approved for the construction of a Road Bridge across the river Krishna near Rangapur;

(b) if so, when the work on it will commence; and

(c) when it is likely to be completed?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In about 3 years from the date of commencement of the work.

Telegraph Enquiry Committee

*47. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1661 on the 11th September, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Telegraph Enquiry Committee has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, whether this report will be laid on the Table?

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

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Vamsadhara Project

*48. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1312 on the 29th August, 1957 in respect of the Vamsadhara Project and state the present position with regard to this project?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): The Government of Orissa have stipulated certain conditions before conveying their concurrence to the Andhra Pradesh Government undertaking detailed investigation of the alternative site at Gudari (in Orissa territory) for the Vamsadhara project. Those conditions are under examination by the Andhra Pradesh Government.

Medical College Students

*49. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain medical colleges realise heavy amount running up to 5 and even 8 thousand as capitation charges from students at the time of admission; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Government are aware that some private medical colleges realise donations from the candidates admitted to such colleges.

(b) Government have no power to stop realisations of donations or capitation fees by such institutions.

Location of a Port on the Hooghly

*50. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Barman:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer