

other. No passenger can, therefore, be booked by the Railway ferry from ghat to ghat, and such passengers detected over the ferry have to be charged fares and excess charges as they would be travelling without tickets.

Drainage in Rural Areas of Delhi

*187. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether on account of defective system of drainage in Delhi rural areas crops of considerable value have been damaged this year;

(b) whether the Government is giving any priority to the drainage scheme;

(c) which are the schemes under investigation; and

(d) how much it will cost Government to remove completely this defective system of drainage?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Rs. 4 lakhs have been already sanctioned for desilting and grading of Najafgarh drain and the work is in progress and is likely to be completed before the next monsoon.

(c) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 82].

(d) Rs. 37.00 lakhs.

Dry Dock at Visakhapatnam

*190. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state what progress has been made in constructing the Dry Dock in the Visakhapatnam shipyard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): Against the total estimated cost of Rs. 215.00 lakhs for this project, an expenditure of

about Rs. 2.33 lakhs has been incurred on certain preliminary works which have been carried out on the basis of the Project Report of Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton of U. K., the Technical Consultants for this Project. Further implementation of this scheme has been held up for want of funds during the current financial year.

Power Supply from Bhakra-Nangal to Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan

*191. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the quantity of power expected to be given to Delhi, Rajasthan and Punjab out of the Hydro-electric Projects at Nangal and Bhakra?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 83].

Pension for Railway Employees

*195. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1191 on the 28th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Pension System has since been introduced on the Railways; and

(b) if so, since when?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). It has been decided to introduce the Pension System on the Railways with effect from 1-4-57 and orders are likely to issue within a week or two.

Rice Supply in Bengal

*196. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cheaper variety of rice under modified