

(b) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at; and

(c) whether any estimates for the link has been worked out?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) Reports have just been received. These are yet to be examined.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir.

Pothundi Scheme, Kerala

*1124. **Shri L. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have recommended the 'Pothundi' Scheme in Chittor taluk for inclusion in the Second Plan; and

(b) if so, what is the priority given to this scheme?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination in the Planning Commission.

"No Man's Land" Situation in Delhi

*1125. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Municipal Committee passed unanimously a resolution on the 25th September, 1957 urging Government to end 'no man's land' situation in Delhi;

(b) if so, what consideration it received from Government; and

(c) whether Government propose to distribute powers between the Delhi Municipal Committee and Delhi Development Provisional Authority *de novo*?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) To get over this situation, the Delhi Development (Provisional) Authority with the approval of the

Government of India and in consultation with the Delhi Municipal Committee issued a notification authorising the Delhi Municipal Committee to sanction building plans in "controlled" areas falling in the jurisdiction of the Delhi Municipal Committee, on the 24th September, 1957.

(c) No Sir.

U. S. Aid for Malaria Control Programme

*1126. **Shri A. S. Salgal:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. may participate in India's scheme for converting the Malaria Control Programme into an Eradication Programme;

(b) what progress has been achieved in the Eradication Programme so far; and

(c) whether Government is going to take any other steps towards Malaria Control Programme?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have decided to start the Eradication Programme from the 1st April, 1958. The State Governments have been informed of the Government of India's decision. An agreement has been signed by the Technical Cooperation Administration and the Government of India according to which an assistance of 38.4 million will be given to India during the next three years.

(c) No, Sir.

Export of Foodgrains

*1128. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many States have banned the export of foodgrains from their areas at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure, No. 46]