

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) It has been decided not to disturb the Status quo on administrative and Technical grounds.

#### Fruit Experimental Station in Punjab

\*1153. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the Fruit Experimental Station in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). It is proposed to set up three sub-stations for research on different fruits in the Punjab as below:—

(1) Sirsa (Hissar) for citrus and grape.

(2) Kandaghat—peaches, plums and apricot.

(3) Bahadurgarh—Citrus.

#### Shimsha Hydro-Electric Works, Mysore

\*1154. Shri Mohammed Imam: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that financial assistance was given to the Government of Mysore for the development of Shimsha Hydro-Electric Works between 1952 and 1954 by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, how this amount was utilised by Mysore Government?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No financial assistance was given specifically for the Shimsha Hydro-Electric Works, but during the years 1951-52 to 1953-54 loans amounting to Rs. 300 lakhs were given to the Government of Mysore for approved Power Projects and schemes, of which Shimsha was one.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 78,216 only was incurred on preliminary surveys on Shimsha Hydro-Electric Extension Works.

#### National Extension Service Blocks

\*1155. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken statistics of the average earning of the people covered under the National Extension Service Blocks; and

(b) if so, the average earning of such areas of West Bengal?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Hotel Standards and Rate Structure Committee

\*1158. Shri Supakar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of meetings held so far by the Hotel Standards and Rate Structure Committee?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Twenty five.

#### Amenity Inspectors

\*1159. { Shri Rajendra Singh:  
Shri Ramji Verma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a selection for the posts of Amenity Inspectors was held on the North-Eastern Railway more than a year ago but the results thereof have not yet been announced; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to expedite the publication of results?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) No, since the posts have been abolished from 30-11-1957.