

(क) यदि हां, तो इस कालेज पर कितना धन व्यय करने का विचार है और यह कब से कार्य करने लगेगा ?

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(क) जी हां ।

(ख) डिग्री पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत इस कालेज पर १७ लाख रुपये व्यय होने का अनुमान है। प्राप्ता क जाना है कि यह कालेज १९५८ में कार्य करने लगेगा ।

#### Selling of Rice in Ahmedabad

\*1375. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sold rice in large quantity to one of the merchants in Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof and the rate at which it was sold; and

(c) the reasons for selling it to a private merchant when there is a shortage of rice in Government shops?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c) About 1,200 tons of old Basmati rice lying in Ahmedabad Central Depot which was not suitable for issue through fair price shops had to be disposed off. Two auctions were held and tenders were also invited but the response was not satisfactory. Finally the stocks were sold to a party at Rs 22/10/- per maund which was the highest offer.

#### Earth Tremors

\*1376. { Shri Sanganna:  
Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the biggest earth tremors in recent years was recorded on the 4th December, 1957;

(b) if so, the epicentre of the earthquake as recorded by the seismographs of the observatories in India; and

(c) whether any damage is known to have resulted on this account?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In Mongolia near Latitude 47° N and Longitude 100° E.

(c) There have been no reports of any damage.

#### Rail-Sea Coordination Committee

\*1377. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the steps taken to implement the recommendations made by the Rail-Sea Co-ordination Committee?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The most important recommendation of the Rail-Sea Co-ordination Committee is in regard to the question of enhancement of coastal freight rates, and appropriate decision has already been taken by Government on this recommendation. Decisions have also been taken on certain other recommendations of the Committee. The remaining recommendations of the Committee are still under consideration of Government.

#### Roads in Himachal Pradesh

\*1378. Shri Y. S. Parmar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state.

(a) whether the schemes for roads and bridges to be constructed in Himachal Pradesh in 1957-58 have received the sanction of Government; and

(b) if so, how many of them have been approved?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.