

the next monsoon. I have been to the spot and had an aerial survey of the place. I could not go to that place actually. It is very near Madras, about 30 miles from Madras.

Shri M. E. Krishna: May I know what is the maximum amount so far granted to the various States which have been affected by these floods and whether the Andhra Pradesh Government will also be getting the same amount, if not more?

Mr. Speaker: The general rule has been stated.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: No limit is fixed under that G.O. Any State Government which has to meet an emergency can go up to any amount. They can spend any amount to meet emergencies and the Government of India will meet 50 per cent. up to Rs. 2 crores and 75 per cent. above Rs. 2 crores. That is the G.O.

Shri Heda: About four or five years before, when there was a similar calamity in two other districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Mehboobnagar and Khammam, the Central Government was pleased to give sanction without any condition of any sharing, so far as the repairs of minor tanks were concerned. Are Government considering some such proposal this time?

Pandit G. B. Pant: Presumably Government had no rule then; it has a rule now.

Shri Tangamani: As a result of this heavy rainfall in Nellore District, the road between Gudur and Madras has been breached in many places and the direct rail track from Gudur to Madras also is dislocated, thereby causing more inconvenience to the people who are already suffering. May I know what steps have been taken for repairing these roads and also the direct rail route?

Pandit G. B. Pant: Under the rule, assistance can be given also for repairs to roads, etc.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will kindly look into the statement.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Subsidised Hostel for Railwaymen's Children

*288. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 410 on the 29th July, 1957, and state:

(a) whether the estimate for the construction of a subsidised hostel for 200 children of Railway employees schooling at Secunderabad has since been finalised;

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

(c) when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). An estimate for the construction of a subsidised hostel for 100 children with room for expansion for 200 children has since been prepared and is under scrutiny. The work will be taken in hand as soon as the same is sanctioned.

(c) It will be completed in about 8 months from the date it is taken on hand.

Transport Facility for Mining Association

*294. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Madhya Pradesh Mining Association has intimated to the Government of India that in case rail transport position did not improve the mine owners will be compelled to cut down their production at the risk of retrenchment, unemployment and labour unrest?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Yes; this representation was made to the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel.

Tractor Spare Parts

*297. **Shri Mohan Swarup:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tractor spare parts especially of American