

was the total quantity which was received in 1956-57.

**Shri Hathi:** I do not have the figures of the total quantity because it varies from period to period. I have not got the actual quantum of water which they are entitled to.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know the approximate cusecs of water which the canals of Bhakra Nangal can supply to the farmers at present and what is actually being supplied—the capacity and the actual supply?

**Shri Hathi:** About 13 lakhs of acres are to be irrigated from Bhakra canals and 11 acres are being irrigated in Rajasthan and Punjab combined.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is the hon. Minister aware that in 1955-56, 41,000 acres of land which were irrigated, were denied water supply in the next year 1956-57? If it is so, may I know whether an enquiry has been made into the matter and responsibility fixed for it?

**Shri Hathi:** There was a short-fall in 1955-56 and also in 1954-55. We enquired from the Rajasthan Government and they have given the reasons. Firstly they say that the Amar Singh branch, the South Ghaghur Branch and the Sadul Branch were not ready till June 1956 and they could not receive full supply. The second was that the supplies from the Punjab were rather erratic, they were not regular, and this was the reason why they could not irrigate the total area.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** May I know whether the distribution of water of this project is under the administrative control of Punjab or the Bhakra Control Board, and if so, whether the Rajasthan Government has a representative on the Control Board?

**Shri Hathi:** The rules for the distribution of water and the whole procedure are laid down by the Bhakra Control Board.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** The hon. Minister says that for two reasons, erratic supply from Punjab and

because of the lining of the canals, 41,000 acres of land had to go without water supply. May I know whether it has been investigated that this lining work could not be done in the off-season and whether the cultivators of these 41,000 acres could not be informed in advance that they would not get water-supply.

**Shri Hathi:** The Rajasthan Government will, perhaps, look into it.

#### Medical College at Sambalpur, Orissa

\*1175. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1231 on the 8th December, 1957 and state the present position regarding assistance the Government of India propose to give to the Orissa Government for the establishment of a Second Medical College to be located at Sambhalpur in Orissa State?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** There has been no further development in the matter.

**Shri P. K. Deo:** Has the attention of the Government of India been drawn to the latest press statement of the Chief Minister of Orissa that Orissa would require 700 doctors by 1962?

**Shri Karmarkar:** My attention has not been drawn to that statement, but I am aware that Orissa is in need of doctors. We are a little short of money.

**Shri P. K. Deo:** Did the Government of Orissa approach the Government of India for financial assistance to put up a second Medical College at Sambalpur?

**Shri Karmarkar:** They have made an approach for a second Medical College. As I said earlier, there is difficulty of finance at the Centre. Six and a half crores of rupees was allotted for the Second Five Year Plan for starting new colleges, upgrading some colleges and increasing their strength. There were two proposals from Orissa.

One was accepted, that is, enlarging the number of students in the Medical College at Cuttack from 62 to 100. They have not yet done that; they have expanded the college to admit 75 students. They are looking forward to increasing the number to 100.

With regard to the second college, as the amount has been already allotted, I am afraid it will be difficult to accept that proposal.

**Shri Snpakar:** May I know if the Utkal University submitted a scheme through the Government of Orissa under which it will not be necessary to spend more than Rs. 61 lakhs during the Second Plan Period?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is only Rs. 16 lakhs at the best that we can spare for the new college. As I said, the total amount available has been allotted to the different colleges, 7 colleges to be newly started and for certain other colleges, including the College at Cuttack, which are to be enlarged, so far as the number of students are concerned.

**Shri P. G. Deb:** May I know if more funds will be allotted in the Third Five Year Plan?

**Shri Karmarkar:** It is too premature to think of the third Five Year Plan, in terms of commitments, or promises.

**Shri Panigrahi:** May I know whether during the visit of the Prime Minister to Cuttack it was represented that there should be a second Hospital at Cuttack and whether Government has given consideration to it?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I would like to have notice.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I ask a question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have passed on to the next question. I thought the hon. Member comes from Rajasthan.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** It is a question of policy and concerns the whole country.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am only giving an excuse for not calling him.

**Air Accident at Dum Dum**

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\*1177. { **Shri Tangamani:**  
          **Shri Assar:**

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

(a) whether Nagpur bound I.A.C Skymaster met with an accident on the night of 4th March, 1958 at Dum Dum aerodrome;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cause of the accident;

(d) the extent of damage; and

(e) whether any passengers were injured?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. (See Appendix V, annexure No. 117.)

**Shri Tangamani:** From the statement we find that this accident is under investigation. May I know whether, in view of the fact that there was a serious accident six months ago in the same place, resulting in the death of four persons, an enquiry committee will be set up to go into the cause of this accident also?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** This is not a major accident at all. The other major accident has been investigated. The report I told the House a few days ago is under examination and we have to send a copy of it to the U. K. Government.

**Shri Assar:** May I know how long it took to transport the injured persons to the hospital.

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** They were taken immediately after they came out of the aircraft to the R. G. Kar Hospital which is not very far away.