

**Shri Tangamaal:** May I know whether any reports have reached the Ministry that the staff has been unnecessarily harrassed by the police in the course of investigation?

**Shri S. K. Patil:** I have not got that report.

### Flies in Delhi

\*1245. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drive to clear the city of Delhi and to kill the flies has been undertaken or is proposed to be undertaken; and

(b) what steps have already been taken after the floods to clear the City?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b). A statement showing the steps taken by the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi Municipal Committee in this regard is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

### Statement

#### Municipal Corporation of Delhi

48 anti-fly teams have been employed to control breeding places and to kill adult flies throughout the city. About 100 extra sweepers have been engaged to remove and dispose of the refuse and filth from open areas.

#### New Delhi Municipal Committee

(a) Rubbish is being removed regularly everyday and taken to dumping ground outside the city.

(b) All manure pits are being covered with 6 inches of rammed earth and the surface is treated with Gammaxine.

(c) All places where cattle and horses are kept are being strictly supervised and treated with Gammaxine.

(d) Cowdung cakes are being destroyed and places treated with Gammaxine.

(e) All dust bins and their sites are being scrapped and treated with Gammaxine.

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**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Is it a fact that Delhi was never so dirty and filthy as it is today?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I cannot say, Sir.

**सेठ गोबिन्द दास :** मैं १९२३ से—करीब पैंतीस बरस से—देख रहा हूँ कि जितनी मक्खियाँ इस वक़्त दिल्ली और नई दिल्ली में पैदा हो गई हैं, उतनी पहले कभी नहीं थी। इस का क्या सबब है और इम सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या करने का सोच रही है, ताकि यहां पर जो अनेक प्रकार की बीमारियाँ फैल रही हैं, उन की रोक-थाम हो सके ?

**श्री कर्मकर :** मेरे पास इस बारे में जानकारी नहीं है। मैं ने अपने जवाब में बताया है कि दिल्ली म्युनिसिपल कार्पोरेशन और नई दिल्ली म्युनिसिपल कमेटी ने मक्खियों के बारे में क्या इन्तज़ाम किया है।

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if the Government are aware of the fact that there is an invasion of mosquitoes although on a small scale, not only flies, in South Avenue where the Prime Minister lives?

**Mr. Speaker:** Why not be satisfied with flies? Why have mosquitoes? Hon. Members ought not to be bitten by flies or mosquitoes.

**Shri Karmarkar:** I could not follow the question

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know whether the hon. Minister knows that not only flies, there is the other pest of mosquitoes in South Avenue where the Prime Minister lives. Does it bite the Prime Minister or other Members? It is all allegorical. Next question.

### National Highway No. 34.

\*1246. { **Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:**  
**Shri N. R. Ghosh:**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal in the Second Five Year Plan to con-

struct a bridge over River Mahanada near Maida Town on National Highway No. 34;

(b) if so, whether the plan and the estimate have been completed; and

(c) if so, at what stage the proposal is now?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). The construction of the bridge in question is included in the Second Five Year Plan but in view of the shortage of funds it may not be possible to take it up during the current Plan period. The position will, however, be reviewed in the final year of the Plan. In the meantime, the Plan and estimates are being finalised.

**Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** In view of the fact that the town of Malda has no railway connection and this is the only approach to the town, will the Minister kindly consider how this proposal can be expedited?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We are very much in sympathy with this demand. We recognise the great need for putting up the bridge. That was why it has been included in the Second Plan projects. But, the same difficulty of foreign exchange has come, in. It has got to be assigned a relatively lower-priority, we may consider it towards the last year of the Plan.

**Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:** Is the hon. Minister aware that the improvised boat bridge of which this new bridge is going to be a substitute, often remains damaged by heavy traffic passing over it and people are finding lots of difficulties in going from one side of the river to the other?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I am only aware of the present arrangements in regard to crossing the river near Malda, namely, the provision of a ferry during the rainy season and a boat bridge during the rest of the year. Of course, there may be complaint, about the boat bridge giving way at certain places. We shall try to keep it as well as possible.

**Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** May I know if the Government have considered the feasibility of constructing a concrete bridge over the River Mahananda at Malda as in some other places in this National highway so that the foreign exchange difficulty may be eliminated to a large extent?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The Chief Engineer of West Bengal Government has sent us estimate for this particular project, amounting Rs. 20,56,000. We have returned it to the State Government for certain modifications. When we get these modifications, in case the type of bridge that is proposed now does not require any component of accessories and machinery to be imported from foreign countries involving expenditure of foreign exchange, we shall try to expedite.

#### Railway Workshop at Bongaigaon

\*1247. **Shrimati Mafda Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the scheme to establish a Railway Workshop near Bongaigaon on the N.E.F. Railway; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be started?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). The Project has been approved. Detailed plans and estimates are being prepared by the Railway.

**Shri Basumatari:** May I know what is the area of land required for the establishment of this workshop?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I have just stated that estimates are being worked out. The exact area is not available just now.

**Shri Basumatari:** In view of the fact that there is dearth of skilled workers in Bongaigaon area or in Assam, local men have not been able to get employment in these workshops. May I know whether the Government will consider the establishment of a training institution in the