

(b) The aircraft was extensively damaged. There was no damage to properties of passengers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Indian Airlines Corporation operated two Dakotas as relief aircraft.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Colonies in Delhi

*1507. **Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the various approved colonies in Delhi Territory building plans are not being sanctioned;

(b) whether it is a fact that the plot-holders of these colonies have been making repeated representations to the effect that building plans long since submitted by them be approved; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) There are 36 private colonies whose lay-out plans have been approved but construction of buildings is being permitted by the Corporation of Delhi only in 8 such colonies where essential services exist.

(b) and (c). Building plans are not being sanctioned by the Corporation in respect of those colonies where provision of essential services like wholesome water supply, sewage disposal, drainage, roads, etc. are not available.

Food Aid from U.S.A.

*1508. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. has agreed to give \$200 millions food aid to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b).

The matter is still under discussion with the Government of U.S.A.

Bhakra Dam

*1509. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 589 on the 28th February, 1958 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction of Bhakra Dam;

(b) the total length and height of the concrete wall above the deepest foundation level constructed so far; and

(c) whether the Dam will be constructed within scheduled period at the present pace?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A quantity of 29,35,862 cubic yards of concrete had been poured into the Bhakra Dam up to the end of August, 1958. This constitutes 57.3 per cent. of the total concreting to be done.

(b) The concreting is being done along the entire length of the Dam. The average height of the Dam above the deepest foundation is now 390 ft. and the highest block is 414 ft. high. Length at base is 325 ft. and will be 1,700 ft. at top on completion when the Dam rises to a height of 740 feet.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Rural Electrification in Delhi

*1510. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Radha Raman:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 331 on the 20th February, 1958 and state:

(a) the number of villages in Delhi territory electrified upto the 31st August, 1958;

(b) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during 1958 (from 1st September, 1958 onwards); and