

**Catering Contractors**

\*88. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the upper limit of holdings of catering contractors,

(b) if not, reasons therefor, and

(c) what is the present ceiling limit fixed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes

(b) Does not arise

(c) The present ceilings are —

(i) 12 units in respect of catering contracts, viz Restaurants and Refreshment Rooms, and

(ii) 7 units in respect of vending contracts, viz, stalls and platform vending

**Over-bridge at Sholapur**

\*89 **Shri Sonavane** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question No 3008 on the 27th September 1958 and state

(a) whether the consideration of the proposal for construction foot over-bridge connecting the circulating areas at the broad gauge and metre gauge stations of Sholapur Railway Station has since been completed,

(b) whether any reply from the Government of Bombay has been received, and

(c) the probable date when the work would be started?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet, Sir

(b) and (c) Yes Sir The State Government have refused to bear the charges, and the matter is being examined further

**Ukal Project**

\*90 **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1678 on the 11th September, 1957 and state

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision about the Ukal Project, West Khandesh,

(b) whether it is a fact that some machinery for the execution of the work has been assembled on the site, and

(c) the amount spent over the project so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No, Sir

(b) Information is not available and has been called for from the Bombay Government

(c) Information about up-to-date expenditure is not available. The probable expenditure to end of March, 1959 will be about Rs 99.7 lakhs

**Bhakra Dam**

\*91 **Shri Mohammed Imam** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the hill slopes which flank on either side of Bhakra dam are of loose soil and highly disintegrated rock,

(b) whether he is aware of the opinion of the famous British Engineer, Lord Haily, that the hill slopes abutting the dam may not stand the strain of a dam of the height of 720 ft;

(c) whether it is fact that a portion of the hill slopes slipped during the last rains, and

(d) what precautions have been taken to strengthen the hill slopes?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) to (d) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House