

tance from the Rockefeller Foundation and the World Health Organisation has undertaken the study of bird migration and their possible role in the dissemination of arthropod-borne viruses in Kutch. The Virus Research Centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research is participating in this study as it has a direct bearing on the investigations which the Centre is carrying out in connection with the Kysanur Forest Disease in Mysore State.

Classification and Categorisation of Posts at Major Ports

*1478. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the question of classification and categorisation of the Posts of Class III and Class IV employees at the Major Ports of India have finished their labours and submitted their recommendations and report; and

(b) if not, how soon are they expected to do so?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It is expected that the Committee may take another year to complete the work.

Mechanised Farms

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 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Pangarkar:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 Shri Rami Reddy:
 Shri Vajpayee:
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri P. G. Deb:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shaikh Mohammed Akbar:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Damani:
 Shri Venkatasubbalah:
 Shri Madhusudan Rao:
 Pandit J. P. Jyotshah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the

reply given to Starred Question No. 306 on the 25th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the question of setting up of more mechanised farms on the lines of Suratgarh mechanised farm in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister for Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

Quarters for P. and T. Employees

*1480. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortfall in the construction of quarters for employees of the Posts and Telegraphs during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the number of quarters planned for construction during the Plan period;

(d) how many have been constructed so far; and

(e) what steps are proposed to speed up the construction of quarters?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) and (b). A shortfall of about 200 to 300 quarters is expected due to delays in the execution of the works.

(c) About 2,300 to 2,500 during the five year period.

(d) About 1,500 during four years.

(e) It is proposed to improve the organisational arrangements for the construction of buildings, including staff quarters.

Breakdown of Electricity Supply in Delhi

2042. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of electricity broke down in New