

### Railway Sleepers

**\*302. Shri Raman:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 142 on the 15th February, 1960 and state:

(a) whether in accordance with the terms of the contract agreement the firm has replaced the sleepers which developed cracks; and

(b) if so, the amount involved in such replacement?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet, Sir. The matter is under correspondence with the firm.

(b) Does not arise.

### Panel of Engineers for Irrigation and Power Projects

**\*303. Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1219 on the 1st April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the Panel of outstanding Engineers for consultation on problems pertaining to Irrigation and Power projects is being utilised now for the projects;

(b) if so, the names of the projects;

(c) whether there is a proposal to get the services of such Engineers from States like Madras and Mysore; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to utilise their talents?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Consultants' advice was sought in regard to the following projects:

- (i) Broach Irrigation Project.
- (ii) Tawa Project.

(iii) Gas Turbine Installation at Naharkatiya (Assam).

(c) Selection of Consultants is not based on consideration of State of

origin. There is no proposal at present to add to the existing panel of Consultants.

(d) Does not arise.

### Shipping Freight Rates

**\*304. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain members of the Indian Coastal Conference have demanded abnormally high freight rates for shipping rice from Visakhapatnam to Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Coastal Conference had originally demanded a freight rate of Rs. 28 per ton on liner basis for carrying rice cargo from Visakhapatnam to Calcutta, as against their own scheduled rate of Rs. 24.50 nP. per ton. On reconsideration, however, the Conference have now agreed to accept their tariff rate of Rs. 24.50 nP. subject to review of this rate in December, 1960.

### Nagas' Attacks on Railways

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 Shri Hem Barua:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:  
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri Raghunath Singh:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri Basumatari:  
 Shri C. K. Bhattacharya:  
 Shri Bishwanath Roy:  
 Shri Hem Raj:  
 Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
 Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:  
 Shri Amjad Ali:  
 Shri Rajendra Singh:  
 Shri Ramji Verma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of times the train services between