

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** I do not accept the hon. Member's statement, because when the delegation is present there, it is able to know what is happening and is able to report to the Government about what had been happening so that the Government may consider what has been considered at the conference.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** What was the amount spent on the delegation?

**Dr. P. Subbarayan:** I have not got the information showing the exact amount.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Central Seed Corporation

\*502. { Pandit D. N. Tiwari:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:  
Shri Rami Reddy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Central Seed Corporation to co-ordinate production activities in the country as a whole; and

(b) when and where it will be set up?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is still in the formative stage and it is too early to say definitely when and where it will be set up.

##### Greater Calcutta's Water Supply and Drainage

\*503. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken to create the Greater Calcutta Metro-

politan Water and Drainage Board as recommended by the experts of World Health Organisation;

(b) whether the group of consultants have also been appointed to advise the Board in preparing the plans;

(c) whether this Board has started functioning; and

(d) what kind of help is given by the W.H.O. to the Board?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmakar):** (a) A draft Bill for the creation of the Calcutta Metropolitan Authority to tackle the Water Supply, Sewage and Drainage problems of Greater Calcutta has been prepared and is under examination of the Government of West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Questions do not arise.

##### Doubling of Balharshah-Vijayawada Line

\*504. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double the track between Balharshah and Vijayawada;

(b) if not, how the increased traffic on this section will be moved; and

(c) whether any estimate of the cost of doubling this section has been done?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). Doubling of 25 miles portion between Vijayawada and Yerupalayam has been approved at an anticipated cost of Rs. 265 lakhs.

The necessity of further doubling will be considered when the pattern of traffic development becomes clearer.