

Small-Pox Control Commission

*1889. Dr. Sushila Nayar: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a recent meeting of the Small-Pox Control Advisory Committee and the State Directors of Health Services it was unanimously recommended that a Small-Pox Control Commission be set up by the Government of India for the implementation of the Small-Pox control programme; and

(b) if so, how soon is the Commission likely to be set up?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendation is under consideration.

Polio in Andhra Pradesh

*1890. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Polio has spread to Kothagudium, Khammam District, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, how many cases have been reported;

(c) whether the vaccine from U.S.S.R. has since been received; and

(d) if so, how it will be utilized?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No report regarding the out-break of poliomyelitis in Kothagudium has been received by the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to give live oral vaccine, obtained from the U.S.S.R., to children in the affected areas in Andhra Pradesh. Children of the age group 2-5 years, in which the infection was prevalent, will be chosen

for the administration of the vaccine. The detailed procedure for such administration, the follow-up of children after administration, etc. have been worked out. The immunisation programme will begin shortly.

Railway Line between Rourkela and Talcher

*1891. Shri P. G. Deb: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding the construction of the railway line between Rourkela and Talcher via Barkote of S. E. Railway;

(b) the total amount spent so far; and

(c) the total amount ear-marked for the full project?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) (a) to (c). This is not included in the Draft outline of the Third Five Year Plan.

Power Break-down in Delhi

*1892. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri A. M. Tariq:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that underground cables feeding west Delhi broke down on the 16th April, 1961;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it worsened power crisis and endangered Delhi city's water and milk supply, disturbed the staggering in parts of the city and two-third of New Delhi was plunged into darkness on the 16th April, 1961; and

(c) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). Consequent on the break-down of the Nangal-Delhi 132 KV transmission line on the 13th April, 1961 the Delhi Elec-

tric Supply Undertaking resorted to shedding of load by cutting off the supply to various localities, in rotation. The areas in the West of Delhi that were directly fed by Nangal power were supplied from the Lahori Gate Power Station of the Undertaking through an under-ground cable feeder. On the 16th April, 1961, at 2.20 hrs. one of the joints in this cable failed due to continuous overloading conditions. This failure aggravated the power supply conditions in West Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar, Najafgarh Road Industrial Area, and a few other colonies on the Najafgarh Road. The supply of power to essential services like the Water Supply System and Delhi Milk Scheme was not curtailed. This failure also did not affect any part of New Delhi. The feeder was repaired and put back in service at 08.30 hrs. on the 17th April, 1961.

Power Consumption

*1893. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what is *per capita* consumption of power during First and Second Five Year Plans in each of the States and on all-India basis;

(b) what would be the position at the end of Third Five Year Plan according to proposed allocations; and

(c) whether it is not widening disparities and if so, the justification for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The statements I & II giving the required information as at the end of the First Plan and the corresponding figures at the end of 1959-60 respectively, are laid on the Table of the House. State-wise figures for 1960-61 have not yet been compiled. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 52].

(b) and (c). State-wise *per capita* consumption figures anticipated at the end of the Third Five Year Plan have not yet been compiled. The *per capita* consumption on All-India basis

at the end of the Second and the Third Plans is estimated at 45 Kwh and 90 Kwh, respectively.

Kurduwadi-Miraj-Latur Line

*1894. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri J. K. Jedhe:
Shri Naldurgker:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 627 on the 1st December, 1960 and state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken to convert Kurduwadi-Miraj-Latur N. G. Section to Broad Gauge or Metre Gauge;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken;

(c) the estimated cost of this project; and

(d) the time by which the work will be undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the Survey Report, the estimated cost for conversion of Miraj-Kurduwadi-Latur N. G. line to M.G. (207 miles) is about Rs. 8 crores. The cost of conversion of Miraj-Kurduwadi N. G. section to B.G. (151.65 miles) is estimated at Rs. 8.80 crores. The conversion of Kurduwadi-Latur N.G. section to B.G. has not been investigated.

(d) It is too early to say anything at this stage.

Plant for Manufacture of Diesel Locomotives

*1895. Shri A. M. Tariq: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred question No. 601 on the 6th March, 1961 and state the nature of progress made so far in setting up a plant to manufacture Diesel Locomotives in India in the public sector?