

Railway Week Celebrations

*46. { Shri P. C. Bose:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Railway Week" was observed in important Railway Stations all over India by organising Exhibitions during the 2nd week of April, 1957;

(b) the special features of the Exhibition; and

(c) the number of people who visited the Exhibitions organised in connection with the Railway Week in April, 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 17].

Shri P. C. Bose: In view of the great educative value of the exhibition to the public, may I know whether any arrangement was made to give publicity to the exhibition and provide facilities to the public to witness the exhibition?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir. Due publicity was given and a lot of people came to see this exhibition.

Shri Supakar: May I know if one of the special features of the Railway Week was the exhibition of numerous Congress Flags in Mogalsarai junction?

Mr. Speaker: All right. Sometimes the Chakra is taken for the Congress Flag.

Shri Supakar: Will the Minister enquire if it was a fact...?

Mr. Speaker: The Question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Small Pox in Delhi

*46-A. Shri Ansar Harvani: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of small pox in Delhi were reported in the months of March and April, 1957 and the number of death had increased over previous years in corresponding months; and

(b) what measures were adopted to combat the epidemic?

Minister of Health (Shri Karmakar): (a) A statement showing numbers of reported attacks of small-pox and death therefrom in March and April, 1957 and in corresponding months of previous three years is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 18].

(b) The following measures were adopted:

- (1) Free mass vaccination against small-pox.
- (2) Compulsory notification of cases to Health authorities.
- (3) Removal of cases to the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

भारत-पाकिस्तान नहरी पानी विवाद

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श्री ल० ना० मिश्र :
श्री कासलीवल :
श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री सी० बी० रामस्वामी :
श्री मत्त त रकेश्वरी सिन्हा :
पंडित मु० ि० भ मंत्र :
श्री मत्त हुला प लचौधरी :
श्री तिम्वर्या :
श्री न० रा० मुनिस्वामी :

क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच नहरी पानी विवाद के सम्बन्ध में, जिसे

कि बीच-बचाव के लिये विश्व बैंक को सौंपा गया था, कोई अन्तिम समझौता हो गया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो बातचीत का वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री (श्री स० का० पाटील) : (क) और (ख) भारत और पाकिस्तान नहरा पानी विवाद के बारे में अभी कोई अन्तिम समझौता नहीं हुआ है। विश्व बैंक के सुझाव पर भारत और पाकिस्तान की सरकारें बैंक के सहयोग से किये जाने वाले सहकारी कार्य का समय ६ महीने, यानी ३० सितम्बर, १९५७ तक, और बढ़ाने के लिये सहमत हो गई है।

नहरा पानी विवाद बैंक का बीच-बचाव के लिये नहीं सौंपा गया है। बैंक ने अपनी सेवाएं दोनों सरकारों को केवल इमलिये दे रहे हैं कि उन्हें आपस में समझौता करने में सहायता मिल सके।

National Construction Corporation

Shri L. N. Mishra:

Shri D. C. Sharma:

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

(a) whether the National Construction Corporation has submitted any blue-print as regards its programme to Government;

(b) whether the Corporation has taken up any of the River Valley Projects for execution; and

(c) if so, the name of the project and the conditions under which it is working?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The Corporation has been set up for the execution of such projects or project works as are entrusted to it by the

State Governments. The question of preparing a blue-print of its programme, in advance does not arise.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Construction of two aqueducts at estimated rates plus 15% for overheads and excavation of 7 miles of canal at schedule of rates within Rajasthan territory and excavation of 5 miles of canal at the schedule of rates within Madhya Pradesh territory, on the Chambal Project Canal System. The Corporation is working on the same conditions as are applicable to other contractors on the Chambal Project.

Postage on Books

*49. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 149 on the 19th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed consideration of the report of the Committee set up to increase the rate of postage on books; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Committee was set up to recommend to Government, *inter alia*, the rates of postage to be prescribed for the transmission of 'Books' in the inland post, as distinguished from other matter that may be allowed transmission at book packet rates. The recommendations of the Committee have been considered by Government and their decision would be announced soon.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras Port

*50. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of Madras port