

### Hirakud Canal Irrigation

\*53. Shri Supakar: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of land made ready for irrigation from canals from the Hirakud Dam Project; and

(b) how many acres are being actually irrigated from Hirakud canals at present?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) 1,56,721 acres.

(b) 89,483 acres.

### Air Crafts of Indian Airlines Corporation

\*54. Shri Radha Raman: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of Air Crafts owned by the Indian Airlines Corporation and Air India International separately and type of their manufacture;

(b) which type of manufacture is found, from performance and service-point of view, to be best for inland and foreign service separately; and

(c) how long it will take for the Government to replace the present aircrafts with these types?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) to (c). I lay a statement on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 19]

### उत्खनन-इन्दौर रेल सम्यक्

\*५५. श्री जामर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री २८ मई, १९५६ के ताराकित प्रश्न संख्या २६०७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे पर देवास के रास्ते उत्खनन की इन्दौर से मिलाने वाली नई रेलवे लाइन कब चालू होगी; और

(ख) इस लाइन पर रेलवे विभाग द्वारा कुल कितना खर्च होने का अनुमान है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) आशा है, दिसम्बर, १९५७ तक इस लाइन पर गाड़ियां चलने लगेंगी ।

(ख) इस लाइन पर लगभग २.६ करोड़ रुपये की लागत का अनुमान है ।

### Electrification of Howrah-Kharagpur Line

\*56. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the White Paper on the Railway Budget for 1957-58 and state:

(a) the manner in which the heaviest load on South Eastern Railway will be tackled;

(b) the preliminary steps that have been taken or are proposed to be taken to augment line capacity by the electrification of the Howrah-Kharagpur section of the South-Eastern Railway; and

(c) whether any reference has been made to foreign experts to examine the question of opening a line to Geonkhali and whether the experts will also examine the possibility of opening a port for export of Iron Ore and Coal?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 20].

### Sea-Erosion in Kerala

{ Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
\*57. { Shri V. P. Nayar:  
{ Shri Kodiyann:

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

(a) the progress made in the investigation of methods to prevent recurring sea-erosion on the coasts of Kerala;

(b) the progress achieved by means of protective works;