

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]

उज्जैन-इन्दौर रेल सम्पर्क

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

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे पर देवास के रास्ते उज्जैन 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 गाड़ियाँ 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;

(c) whether it is a fact that fresh damage by erosion has been caused this year also; and

(d) if so, where and to what extent?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information furnished by the Kerala Government is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 21]

Malaria Control Scheme

***58. Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the present position with regard to Malaria Control Scheme;

(b) whether any assessment of the work done and results achieved so far has been made; and

(c) if so, whether a copy of the report of such assessment will be laid on the Table of the Sabha?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Out of the 200 Malaria Control Units allotted to the States 153.25 Units have started functioning.

(b) and (c). No formal assessment of the work has yet been made but periodical reports received from the participating States indicate that as against about 75 million people reported to suffer from malaria every year prior to 1953, the number has come down to about 20 million in 1956.

Electrification of Madras-Arkonam Railway Line

***59. Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether in view of the heavy traffic between Madras and Arkonam there is any scheme to electrify the line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): No, Sir, it is not expected that on this section, during the Second Plan, traffic would increase to saturation with steam traction.

Posts and Telegraphs Department Museum

***60. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 674 on the 30th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken as regards the setting up of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department Museum; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Tentative plans for the establishment of a P & T Museum have been drawn up. These are at present being examined.

Hailstorm-damage in Delhi

***61. Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loss of crop occurred in Delhi area as a result of hailstorm in the month of March this year;

(b) if so, the estimated total loss caused and the number of villages affected;

(c) measures taken by Government to help the villagers in this connection;

(d) whether Prime Minister who visited the affected areas gave any suggestions or made any recommendations to meet the situation; and

(e) how far these recommendations have been carried out so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The assessment made of the extent of damage caused to Rabi crops by hailstorm in 68 villages where the damage was estimated at 50% and above indicates a loss of Rs. 18,98,594.

(c) The following relief measures have been taken to help the villagers in the affected areas:—