

different heads each year for the last three years,

(b) what are the sources of income for the South Delhi Municipality

(c) the total income from loans, grants and other sources for the last three years, and

(d) the amount spent on capital works each year during the last three years?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 105 ]

#### Holidays

\*706-A. Shri B. K. Gaikwad: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) the number of holidays granted to the Postal Staff in 1956 and 1957,

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Secretariat Staff and also the Postal Staff are allowed only 15 days casual leave in a year,

(c) whether the casual leave to the Postal Staff was 20 days in the year and that it has now been reduced, and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Administrative Offices 23 days each year

Post Offices 17 in 1956

16 for 1957

(b) Yes

(c) Yes, from 1-1-1951

(d) The revised limit of 15 days applies to employees of all the Departments of Government. It is not possible to have a longer period of casual leave for only P & T employees.

#### Bridge over Brahamaputra

\*708. Shrimati Manjula Debi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to undertake the construction of bridge over Brahamaputra at Jogighopa or near Gauhati, and

(b) if so, when the construction work will start?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. The question of constructing a road bridge or a tunnel across the Brahamaputra at Jogighopa or near Gauhati has been under consideration. Preliminary investigations show that a bridge will be more economical than a tunnel.

(b) Further detailed investigations are required before undertaking such a major project. The Railways have also to be consulted for a combined rail-road bridge. It will therefore not be possible to undertake the work of this bridge earlier than the third five year plan.

#### Community Development Blocks in Orissa

\*709. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state

(a) whether the entire amount allocated by the Central Government for Community Development work in Orissa in the year 1956-57 has been utilised by the State Government, and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey). (a) Yes, except that loan funds to the extent of about Rs 3 lakhs could not be utilised.

(b) The loan funds for irrigation works etc, could not be spent in full in the Community Projects and C.D. Blocks of 1952-53 and 1953-54 series. This is mainly attributable to the dearth of Engineering personnel, the