

Telegraph Lines in Orissa

*1557. **Shri Sangaana:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1494 on the 16th April, 1956 in respect of the Telegraph lines in Orissa and state:

(a) whether the decision regarding the transfer of the administrative service to the Orissa Circle has since been taken; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) and (b). It has been decided not to disturb the status quo on administrative and technical grounds.

Project Administration of River Valley Projects

*1558. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what decision has been taken regarding the pattern of Project Administration for the big river valley projects?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (**Shri Hathi**): A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 81]

Water Supply at Calcutta Port

*1559. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to alleviate the longstanding serious shortage of water for ships in the port of Calcutta;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply of water rests in the hands of the Calcutta Corporation; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken for the supply of water?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) to (c). The supply of water to the ships visiting the Port of Calcutta is the responsibility of the Calcutta Corporation. As

the supply from the Corporation's sources is inadequate, the Port Commissioners have sunk three tubewells at Kidderpore Docks and one at King George's Dock. They are also making arrangements for sinking two more tubewells.

पशुओं के प्रति निर्दयता को रोकना

*१५५६-क: श्री भव्य दर्शन : क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पशुओं के प्रति निर्दयता का व्यवहार रोकने से संबंधित समिति द्वारा प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट पर विचार किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस संबंध में क्या निश्चय किया गया है ?

साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ब० प्र० जैन):

(क) और (ख). ज्यादातर सिफारिशों पर राज्य सरकारों, द्वारा, जिनसे ऊरुगत कार्यवही करने के लिये प्रार्थना की गई है, कार्यवही होनी है। ये सिफारिशें भारत सरकार के भी विचाराधीन हैं।

National Federation of Indian Railwaymen

*1560. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been meetings in New Delhi between the Railway Board and the National Federation of Indian Railway-men early this month;

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed; and

(c) the conclusions, if any, reached?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan**): (a) Yes, in August.

(b) and (c). Discussion between the National Federation of Indian