

of Guntur, Kurnool and Nellore under the Right Bank Canal and Nalgonda, Khamam and Krishna districts under the Left Bank Canal as per details given below:

	Lakh acres.
(1) Right Bank Canal	9.7
(2) Left Bank Canal	7.09
(3) Krishna delta	3.0

Smallpox and Chicken-pox

847. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Sarjoo Pandey:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether smallpox and chicken-pox have of late assumed serious proportions in some States/Union Territories in the Northern part of the country;

(b) if so, the number of persons overtaken by the disease in each States/Union Territories in Northern ber of those who died; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to curb the menace?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Reliable figures regarding the incidence of chicken-pox are not available since it is not a notifiable disease. As regards small-pox, reports received from the States/Union Territories, in Northern India indicate that there was an increase in the number of seizures and deaths only in Punjab while there was a decline both in incidence and fatal cases in the remaining areas, viz., Bihar, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh as compared with 1961. Comparative figures for the years 1961 and 1962 from the period 1st January to 31st March per-

taining to cases and deaths from small-pox are given below:—

	1961		1962	
	(from 1-1-61 to 31-3-61)		(from 1-1-1962 to 31-3-1962)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Death
Bihar	40	11	4	..
Punjab	338	72	616	138
Rajasthan	1541	346	1043	227
U.P.	1432	460	1096	369
Delhi	502	122	41	6
Himachal Pradesh	12	3	9	..

(c) A provision of Rs. 688.98 lakhs has been made in the Third Five Year Plan for the National Smallpox Eradication Programme. Some of the State Governments have already started the implementation of the scheme while others will be launching the scheme shortly.

New Railway Line from Ongole to Hyderabad

848. **Shri M. N. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to lay a new railway line from Ongole to Hyderabad via Nagarjunasagar; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy) (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Broad Gauge Line from Guntur to Narsaraopet (S. Railway)

849. **Shri M. N. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to extend broad gauge line from Guntur to Narsaraopet on