

- (iv) implementation of the recommendation in respect of Wireless Operators' Staff Allowance?

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

(b) (i) Presumably, the hon. Member has in mind the recommendation contained in Section III, Chapter XLVI of the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission's Report relating to casual labour in 'unscheduled employments'. Orders implementing this, have been issued on 20th March, 1961.

(ii) It has not been considered necessary to set up an *ad hoc* Committee as suggested by the Pay Commission.

(iii) No decision has yet been taken.

(iv) No such allowance has been recommended by the Pay Commission.

#### Locust Menace

**2014. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the entomologists and their technical advisers was held in Jodhpur recently to work out their strategy to fight the locust menace emanating from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the decisions taken at the conference; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (c). A meeting was held at Jodhpur on 10th May, 1962 between the Plant Protection Adviser and his Field Officers of the Locust Warning Organisation in Rajasthan. This was the usual routine departmental meeting which is held as and when considered necessary to discuss the current problems relating to the locust situation in the sche-

duled desert area of Rajasthan, Punjab and Gujarat.

At this meeting it was decided to strengthen the Locust Warning Organisation by opening a number of new outposts in the desert area and ensuring the supply of additional quantity of pesticides and control operation equipment, in order to meet the expected heavy infiltration of locusts during coming months.

#### Ramagundam Thermal Station

**2015. Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no standing boiler at Ramagundam Thermal Station with the result that periodical overhaul of the boilers could not be undertaken;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to procure boilers; and

(c) when the same are likely to be received?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The required boiler has been ordered.

(c) It is expected to be received and commissioned by October, 1963.

#### Mukerian-Talwara Rail Link

**2016. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1445 on the 7th December, 1961 and state the further progress made to connect Mukerian with Talwara by rail link?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Reconnaissance, Preliminary Engineering and Traffic Surveys for a rail line from Mukerian to Talwara have been carried out during 1961-62 at the cost of the Punjab Government. Based on the Survey Report an abstract estimate amounting to Rs. 1.24 crores for the construction of