irrigation in the State of Gujarat so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that the area under irrigation is much less than that in other States; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take to put the State of Gujarat on par with other States in respect of irrigation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the State Government in their Third Plan proposals 14 lakh acres or about 6 per cent of the total cropped area in the State, as against the All-India figure of about 17 per cent. is reported to have been under irrigation by the end of the Second Plan period. During the first year of the Third Plan, 1:8 lakh acres and 1.6 lakh acres are expected to have benefited from minor irrigation schemes and major and medium irrigation projects respectively.

(c) With a view to increase the area under irrigation in the State, the State Government has proposed a number of schemes during the Third Plan the targets being 8.64 lakh acres under major irrigation projects and 11.90 lakh acres under minor irrigation schemes. In addition, all State Governments have recently been addressed to review their minor irrigation programmes already included in the State Plans and to rephase them with a view to accelerate their progress. If the Government of Gujarat is in a position to take up additional minor irrigation works, funds over and above the present ceiling of Central financial assistance and the total Plan outlay will be provided by Government of India.

Accident at Bhatni Junction on N.E. Railway

1847. Shri R. P. Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 1st May, 1962, 906 Down goods train entered line No. 5 at Bhatni Junction on North Eastern Railway and collided with an engine standing on the same line; and

(b) if so, what was the cause?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) The accident was due to Failure of human element'.

Mayoral Conferences

1848. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what were the resolutions of the Mayoral Conferences held at Ootacamund in 1960 and at Bombay in 1961;

(b) what were the proposals at the Conferences; and

(c) how many resolutions were implemented?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) A statement indicating the resolutions passed by the First Mayors' Conference held at Ootacamund in 1959 (not in 1960) and the Second Conference held at Bombay in 1961 is attached (Statement 1) [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62)].

(b) Another statement indicating the various proposals as incorporated in the Agenda of the two Conferences is attached (Statement II). [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62)].

(c) A further statement showing the uptodate position regarding the implementation of the various recommendations made at the two conferences will be placed on the Table of the Sabha shortly. [Placed in the Library. See No. LT-385/62]].

Power from Madras State to Andhra State

1849. Dr. P. Srinivasan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal

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to give power from Madras State to Andnra State; and

(b) if so, the terms and details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) A small quantity of power of the order of 1090 kW is already being supplied by Madras to Andhra Pradesh. Some proposals for supply of power from Madras to Andhra Pradesh are under consideration, but not yet finalised.

(b) These arc yet to be finalised.

कोटा-बीना रेल मार्ग पर डाई स्टोध पिचिंग

१८४०. की बैरवाः क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने जी कुल करेंगे किः

(क) कोटा से बीना तक जो ड़ाई स्टोन पिचिंग रेलवे की पटरी के साथ-साथ कहीं-कहीं लगी हैं उसका स्वेसीफिकेशन क्या है ;

(ख) उसकी रेट हन्डरेड स्क्वेयर में है या स्क्वेयर फुट से ;

(ग) उसकी रेट क्या है; स्रौर

(घ) उसमें क्या पत्थर सरकारी हे या ठेकेदार का ?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Dry stone pitching on Kota-Bina Section was carried out as per Western Railway's specifications for stone pitching.

(b) The rate for stone pitching is for 100 cubic feet or for one cubic metre.

(c) The rate as per schedule of rates of the Western Railway for dry stone pitching handpacked is Rs. 32.40 nP for 100 cubic feet or Rs. 11.40 nP for one cubic metre and the rate for labour only for dry stone pitching handpacked is Rs. 10.80 nP for 100 cubic feet or Rs. 3.80 nP, for one cubic metre. The labour rate quoted by the contractor was 40 to 44 per cent above schedule of rates.

(d) The stone was supplied by 'he Government.

पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के गोरखपुर डिवीजन में चतुर्थ श्रेणी के ग्रनसुचित जाति के कर्मचाशे

१८५१. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेयः क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के गोरखपूर डिवीजन के डिवीजनल सूपरिन्टेन्डेन्ट द्वारा चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की १९६१ से जन, १९६२ तक कितनी नियुक्ति की गई है?

(ख) उक्त कर्मचारियों में ग्रनसुचित जातियों के कितने कर्मचारी हैं: ग्रौर

(ग) उन में गोरखपूर डिवीजन के रहने वाले कितने हैं ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उनमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां): (क) पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में डिवीजनल प्रणाली की व्यवस्था नहीं है ग्रौर वहां ग्रलग से गोरखपूर नाम का कोई डिस्ट्रिक्ट न**हीं** है । लेकिन गोरखपूर से सिब्बदीं कार्यालयों में २९३ व्यक्ति काम करते हैं, जिनमें से ४७ <mark>ग्रनसूचित जातियों के हैं। इन में</mark> १८२२ व्यक्ति गोरखप र के हैं।

Survey of Land in Tripura

1852. Shri Biren Dutta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether all lands in the Agartala town, Tripura have ben surveyed during the survey and settlement operation conducted recently in the whole of Sadar;

(b) if so, what is the total area of Government khas land that has been found in the Agartala town;

(c) whether such land is under occupation of the citizens; and

(d) if so, what is the total area under such occupation?