

started. The work had, however, to be stopped in February, 1962, at the request of the Chief Engineer of State P.W.D. who was considering a revision in the design of the approaches. The work was started again in August, 1962, and is now in progress. Railway portion of the work is expected to be completed by the end of March, 1963.

Dam on Godavari

123. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have proposed a scheme for the construction of a dam on the Godavari; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's decision in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) There is no such proposal for the construction of a dam on Godavari. A multi-purpose project on upper Wainganga, a tributary of Godavari, is, however, under investigation by the Central Water and Power Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

Poultry Development Blocks

124. { Shri Mohsin:
Shri S. B. Patil:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish 50 intensive poultry development blocks;

(b) where and when they will be established;

(c) what is the foreign exchange involved for the import of the incubators for the purpose;

(d) whether the scheme would fulfil the requirement of eggs in the country; and

(e) the amount set apart for the purpose of poultry development, State-wise, during the Third Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The Third Five Year Plan provides for the establishment of 50 intensive poultry development blocks in the States. The State Governments concerned have, however, so far accepted the allotment of 34 blocks only. Out of these, 7 have already been set up, while 27 more are expected to be set up by the end of 1963-64. A statement showing the State-wise allocation of the blocks is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15].

(c) No foreign exchange allotment has been made exclusively for this scheme. The requirements of incubators for this scheme will be met partly from indigenous production and partly from a lot of 167 incubators which are being imported largely for the State Poultry Farms and the Regional Poultry Farms.

(d). This is one of several schemes taken up or proposed to be taken up under the Third Five Year Plan for increasing the production of eggs. If all these schemes are fully implemented, it is expected that the production of eggs will be increased to 5000 millions in 1966 as against the estimated production of 2880 millions in 1961.

(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 16].

Robbery at Kankinarrah Railway Station

125. { Shri Mohsin:
Shri S. B. Patil:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some armed people threw crackers at

Kankinarrah Railway station near Calcutta on 8th September and robbed the Station Master of cash and other things;

(b) what is the total loss of railway property;

(c) whether the culprits have been traced; and

(d) what steps have been taken to stop recurrence of such incidents?

The Deputy Minister for Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). By exploding a cracker in the Kankinarrah Railway station yard on 8-9-62, some miscreants managed to divert the attention of the Assistant Station Master on duty and snatched away from him two sealed cash bags containing Rs. 4,900.12 nP in cash, credit Notes valuing at Rs. 19,669 and Pay Orders for Rs. 311.66 nP.

(c) Two persons have so far been arrested and the matter is still under Police investigation.

(d) Notwithstanding the fact that the maintenance of law and order is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the following preventive measures have been adopted by the Railway Administration:—

- (i) Patrolling and secret watch has been intensified;
- (ii) Special attention is being paid to stations situated in criminal areas;
- (iii) Government of West Bengal have been approached for rounding up the desperate criminals operating in certain areas;
- (iv) R.P.F. staff is being provided both for escorting cash and for guarding of stations which lie in criminal areas.

Cold Storage Wagons

126. { Shri Tulshidas Jadhav:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri G. K. Jedhe:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a persistent demand by the Orange Growers Associations for providing cold-storage wagons for the transport of oranges from centres such as Nagpur, Katol and others; and

(b) if so, what arrangements have been made by the Railways to provide these facilities?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Damboroo Project in Tripura

127. { Shri Biren Dutta:
Shri Sarjoo Pandey:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tripura Administration demanded an allocation of Rs. 40 lakhs for starting the works on Damboroo Project at Amarapur in Tripura;

(b) if so whether the sum has been given for the said project;

(c) if the reply to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons for delay in allocating the sum; and

(d) the progress made in this Project so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d):—A provision of Rs. 40 lakhs was originally made in the Third Plan for this project. This was subsequently reduced to Rs. 34.81 lakhs. The Scheme has been investigated by the Central Water & Power Commission, and