

## SURGEONS FROM AUSTRALIA

\*500. Shri C. B. Iyyunni: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any surgeons, expert in plastic work, have come from Australia under the Colombo Plan;

(b) the value of this contribution in terms of money; and

(c) the number of days for which they stayed in India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No, but an Australian Plastic Surgeon has been asked for under the Colombo Plan.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

## MEDICAL COLLEGES IN INDIA

\*501. Shri Gidwani: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of medical colleges in India;

(b) what is the capacity of these colleges;

(c) whether it is sufficient for the needs of the country; and

(d) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken for augmenting this capacity?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) 34.

(b) 2735.

(c) No.

(d) Proposals for starting new medical colleges and of expanding existing ones are under consideration of some of the State Governments, as well as the Central Government.

## चावल के स्टॉक का खराब होना

\*502. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकारी गोदामों में पड़ा हुआ बहुत सा चावल खराब हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि सच है, तो इस वर्ष अब तक कितना चावल बरबाद हो गया है ; और

(ग) इस में कितने का घाटा हुआ है ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

## NAVEGOAN BAND

390. Shri N. A. Borkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned by Government for the construction of "Navegoan Band" in the Bhandara District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) when the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the total acres of land that will come under irrigation by this project?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Rs. 15,00,000/- as loan.

(b) March, 1956.

(c) 10,000 acres.

## P. &amp; T. WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

391. Shri S. N. Das: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the recommendations of the Workshop Committee and the suggestions made by Dr. Trone for the rationalisation of production and for increasing the efficiency of the Posts and Telegraphs workshops and Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., have been implemented;

(b) the efforts made to examine the results achieved by such implementation; and

(c) the recommendations which are yet to be implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) The recommendations of the Workshops Committee and the suggestions made by Dr. Trone in his report mainly relate to Posts and Telegraphs Workshops at Alipore, Jabalpur and Bombay. The suggestions and recommendations have been accepted and most of them have been implemented.