

taken into account by Government in formulating or modifying its own policies regarding shipping. It is not usual for the Committee to submit a report.

The fifth meeting of this Committee was held in Bombay on the 28th November, 1955. The important items discussed at that meeting were the following :

- (i) Income-tax concessions to shipping ;
- (ii) Second Five Year Plan—target for shipping ;
- (iii) Policy regarding employment of chartered vessels on the coast *vis-a-vis* the shortage of tonnage on the coast ;
- (iv) Second Shipping Corporation ;
- (v) Purchase of tankers ; and
- (vi) Orders for the Hindustan Shipyard during the Second Plan period.

अभ्रक की खानों के श्रमिक

१२०७. श्री एच० आर० नयानी : क्या अम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय अभ्रक खान कल्याण निधि के अन्तर्गत राजस्थान के भीलवाड़ा जिले के श्रमिकों के लिये एक अस्पताल खोलने का विचार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में कितनी धनराशि व्यय की जायेगी तथा उस स्थान पर कितने श्रमिक रह रहे हैं जहां अस्पताल बनाने का विचार है ?

अम उपमंत्री (श्री आबिद अली) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) अस्पताल बनाने में कितना खर्च होगा उसका अन्दाज लगाया जा रहा है । यह अस्पताल किस स्थान पर बनाया जायेगा यह मामला अभी विचाराधीन है ।

UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE CABLES

1208. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the programme of linking the major cities of India by an

underground telephone cable has been finalised ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) The scheme to link the major cities on the Bombay-Delhi-Calcutta route by underground cable has been finalised.

(b) The scheme will provide high grade circuits between the principal cities and their adjoining areas, namely Calcutta, Asansol, Patna, Banaras, Allahabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Agra, Delhi, Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat and Bombay.

Coaxial type cable will be used incorporating the latest technological developments.

RAILWAY SUB-COMMITTEE OF E.C.A.F.E.

1209. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report of the Fourth Session of the Railway Sub-Committee of the E.C.A.F.E. ; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) A formal report from the E.C.A.F.E. Secretariat is awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

MINOR IRRIGATION SCHEME

1210. **Shri Hem Raj** : Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state :

(a) the details and names of the minor irrigation schemes undertaken in the different States costing less than ten lakhs in 1956-57, State-wise ;

(b) the amount of grants and loans granted to each State in 1955-56; and

(c) the schemes sanctioned for undertaking in the Kangra District (Punjab) in 1955-56 ?