

still under reference with the Minister of Finance.

(b) Does not arise.

Delhi Road Transport Authority

*48. **Shri Jhulan Sinha** : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Advisory Council of the Delhi Road Transport Authority meets only once in three months; and

(b) whether any suggestion has been received to have monthly meetings of the Council to accelerate the pace of improvement in the working of the Delhi Road Transport Authority ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahanwaz Khan):

(a) Yes.

(b) The Public Accounts Committee in its 20th Report on the Delhi Road Transport Authority (Bus Section) has recommended that the meetings of the Delhi Road Transport Authority Advisory Council should be more frequent than at present. The Authority has accepted this recommendation and decided that in future the Advisory Council should meet once in two months.

Dislocation of Traffic on Eastern Railway

*56. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that railway traffic on the main line on Eastern Railway between Mugalsarai and Buxar was dislocated in the middle of September last;

(b) which of the passenger mail and express trains were cancelled and for how many days;

(c) what were the reasons for such a dislocation; and

(d) what arrangements had been made for passage of goods and passengers during that period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 12].

Beggars and Vendors on Trains

*58 } **Shri Ramachandra Reddi** :
 } **Shri Jhulan Sinha** :
 } **Shri S. C. Samanta** :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of beggars and vendors travel in trains in Southern Railway without tickets and move on the foot boards of trains in movement, freely and frequently; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to prevent it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sustained efforts are being made to eliminate this evil by intensified checks by Travelling Ticket Examiners, Trespass Squads of Railway Protection Force and the prosecution of offenders as also by the system of checking by T. T. Es. in mufition suburban trains in Madras area which has produced a salutary effect.

Propaganda requesting passengers to desist from encouraging beggars and hawkers is done through loudspeakers, handbills, posters and notices in newspapers.

Damodar Valley Dams

*59. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury** : Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any danger to the Damodar Valley Corporation Dams during the high flood of September, 1956;

(b) if so, how much water was released from the reservoirs to ensure the safety of such Dams; and

(c) whether the Dams have been affected as a result of the heavy rainfall?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Community Projects

*60. **Shri K. C. Sodhia** : Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state what steps are taken by the Central Government to ensure that the State Governments and District Authorities give careful consideration to the recommendations made in para 6, chapter XI, of the Second Five Year Plan ?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) : A statement giving the information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix, I annexure No. 13].

Shipping

*61. { **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha :**
Shri Shivananjappa :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether the loans to be given to the private sector for the development of shipping, are further being liberalised;

(b) if so, the main features of the terms of new loan; and

(c) what is the amount of assistance, proposed to be given to the private sector for shipping development in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). The question is under consideration

(c) About Rs. 17 crores.

Kabaddi and Wrestling Sports

*62. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to supplementaries raised on Starred Question No. 2336 on the 18th May, 1956 and state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for coaching in popular Indian games such as *Kabaddi* and wrestling; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) : (a) No coaching programme has so far been organised in *Kabaddi*, but a two months' coaching camp in Wrestling was organised at the National Stadium, New Delhi during 1955-56 for the benefit of some wrestlers.

(b) No request for coaching assistance has so far been received either from any sponsors of *Kabaddi* or the Wrestling Federations.

Jamuna Bridge

*63. { **Shri Kajrolkar :**
Shri Gidwani :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an expert committee of engineers to carry out a thorough examination of the *Jamuna Bridge*;

(b) whether pending such expert examination it is proposed to allow normal traffic over the bridge; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government have secured expert opinion in favour of such decision?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Normal traffic is already permitted over the bridge.

(c) No.

Goitre Disease

*65. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :**
Shri Asthana :

Babu Ramnarayan Singh : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the investigation carried out in connection with the spread of goitre disease in Sitamarhi sub-division in the State of Bihar in general and with particular reference to the national water supply scheme;

(b) the results thereof; and

(c) what curative and preventive measures have been taken in this connection?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur) : (a) to (c). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 14].

Development of Beypore Port

*67. **Shri Nettur P. Damodaran :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop the Beypore port in Kerala into an all-weather port and if so, whether the proposal will be included in the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether any investigation has been made to ascertain the suitability of this port for development as an all weather port and if so, what the findings of the investigation are?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) and (b). The approved Second Five Year Plan does not include any scheme for the development of Beypore into an all weather port. A proposal for such development has