

saimed at having 55,000 post offices at the end of the Plan period and this was fully achieved.

A statement explanatory of the policy followed in the opening of new post offices during the plan period is laid on the Table of the Sabha. In accordance with this policy, 720 new post offices were opened in Punjab State during the period. District-wise details of these offices are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No 40.]

92 post offices were also upgraded in this State under the normal rules during the period. District-wise information in respect of these offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 40.]

Hydro-electric Projects in Himachal Pradesh

105. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to harness the rivers of Himachal Pradesh which have power generating potentialities;

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken so far; and

(c) which of these rivers Government propose to harness in the future?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nogli Hydro-electric scheme on the Nogli stream tributary of the Sutlej with an initial installation of 500 K.W. is currently under implementation.

(c) Ravi, Beas, Sutlej and their tributaries.

National Water Supply and Sanitation Programmes

106. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 702 on the 31st May, 1957 and state the places where some more environmental Sanitation Projects sponsored by the World Health Organisation are proposed to be taken up?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): It is proposed to establish one more environmental Sanitation Project sponsored by the World Health Organisation in the State of Uttar Pradesh. A proposal for the establishment of a Pilot Project in Bihar is also under consideration.

Schools in Himachal Pradesh

108. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of primary, middle and high schools in the Himachal Pradesh and the number of students studying in them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivall):

No of institutions	No. of Students
(i) High Schools	45 20,927
(ii) Middle Schools	108 17,446
(iii) Primary Schools	771 38,054

Army School of Education, Pachmarhi

109. Shri V. C. Shukla: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) since how long the question of permanent location of the Army School of Education which is at present functioning at Pachmarhi has been engaging the attention of Government;

(b) whether Government have taken any final decision about its permanent location;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor: