

(ग) जी हां, ताकि जारी इजन
सेक्शन की सामान्य रफ्तार से चल सकें ।

(घ) १९६१ तक ।

**Commonwealth Submarine Cables
Conference**

1300. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Commonwealth Submarine Cable Conference was held in London in the last week of May, 1958;

(b) if so, the names of the persons who represented India in the conference;

(c) the main decisions taken at the conference; and

(d) the extent to which they affect India?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.

(b) Shri D. C. Das, I.C.S., Joint Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications. (Leader).

Shri S. N. Kalra, Deputy Director General (Traffic), Overseas Communications Service. (Member).

Shri S. P. Patel, India's Representative on the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board, London. (Member).

(c) and (d). The Conference was held to elucidate the technical, financial and other problems involved in the scheme of establishing a round-the-world submarine cable network and has made certain recommendations which are under examination. To what extent those would affect India can be judged after Government have considered these in details.

Rural Electrification in Punjab

1301. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the Punjab Government to prepare and place their plans for rural electrification for the current and ensuing years; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan submitted by the Punjab Government?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). No specific request to prepare and place the plans for rural electrification as such, has been made by the Union Government to the Government of the Punjab. In November, 1957, however, the Planning Commission asked the Punjab Government for details of sub-transmission, distribution and bulk supply under Bhakra Nangal Estimates Part II, which would also include rural electrification. The details asked for by the Planning Commission have not yet been received from the Punjab Government.

Fishing Cooperatives

1302. Shri Kodliyan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to organise the fishing industry on a cooperative basis; and

(b) what financial assistance has been given to the States for this since the commencement of the Second Plan?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a). The importance and immediate necessity of improving the living conditions of fishermen and organising them into strong and viable cooperative societies for taking effective steps for the deve-