

Postal Services in Lucknow

*319 { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Khushwaqt Rai:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the postal services in Lucknow Division were paralysed in the month of June, 1958 due to mass sickness applications by the postal employees;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes. Postal services were partially dislocated in Lucknow town on the 9th June, 1958.

(b) Some of the staff working in Lucknow General Post Office reported sick *en masse* as a protest against the orders of the Postmaster-General shifting a section of his office from the main building to another building.

(c) The staff were warned by the Postmaster-General that disciplinary action would be taken against such officials as did not return to duty by the 12th June 1958. All the staff returned to duty on the 12th June 1958.

Power Projects in Kerala

*320. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange asked by the Kerala State Government for the import of equipment and machinery for the power projects in Kerala; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafis Mohammad Ibrahim): (a) From the beginning of January, 1957, to date, requests for foreign exchange aggregating to Rs. 133,33,865 have

been received for import of equipment, machinery, etc., from abroad for the power projects in Kerala State.

(b) Foreign exchange to the extent of Rs. 34,25,417/- has already been released, and the question of release of foreign exchange for the balance of Rs. 99,08,448/- is receiving consideration. These requirements relate mainly to the Panniar Hydro-electric Project which is not included in the 'core of the Plan'.

Report of Inland Transport Committee of E.C.A.F.E.

*321. { Shri Vajpayee:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1734 on the 27th March, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the report of the Inland Transport Committee of the E.C.A.F.E. to the U.N.O. has since been received; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the report containing the recommendations made at the Seventh Session of the Inland Transport Committee of E.C.A.F.E. have already been placed in the Library of Lok Sabha as indicated in the reply of the Minister of Transport & Communications to the Unstarred Question No. 3222 on the 5th May, 1958.

Urban Community Projects

*322. Dr. Sushila Nayar: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the recommendations of the last Session of the Social Commission of the United Nations, especially with regard to the starting of Urban Community Projects; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for the implementation of these recommendations in India?