

requirements and there will be protests from the travelling public of such stations.

Soil Conservation in Bhakra Catchment Areas

3822. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 946 on the 4th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether State Governments have since submitted schemes for soil conservation in Bhakra catchment areas; and

(b) if so, whether the same have been approved?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jain): (a) Yes. Proposals for 3 Demonstration Centres each in the Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, estimated to cost Rs 10 lakhs during 1959-60, have been received

(b) They are expected to be sanctioned shortly

Locomotive Component Parts Factory, Manduadih

3823. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 164 on the 21st November, 1958 and state the further progress since made with regard to the construction of Locomotive Component Parts Factory at Manduadih?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The construction of the Technical School, Basic Training Workshop and Apprentices Hostel has been completed. Building of staff quarters is in progress. Work on the main factory has been slowed down, because of uncertainty in availability of electric power.

Overhead Bridge at Rajpura

3824. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhad:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1381 on the 12th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision regarding the construction of an overhead bridge at the level crossing in Rajpura on the Grand Trunk Road; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. The question of providing an overhead bridge in lieu of the existing level crossing is still under consideration of the Government of Punjab

(b) Does not arise.

Paying Guest Scheme

3825 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 933 on the 12th December, 1958 and state the number of foreign guests accommodated so far in private families in Delhi?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): 53 (from 1st October, 1958 to 31st March, 1959).

Execution of Welfare Scheme

3826. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Kadiyan:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided that welfare schemes under the Community programme should be executed through

panchayats and other village institutions; and

(b) if so, the nature of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to implement this decision?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) and (b). It has been decided that out of the block schematic budget, the expenditure on "Local Works" e.g., drinking water supply, drainage and sanitation, education, social education, and communications, should be incurred through Panchayats. The provision in the block budget in this regard is Rs. 2.90 lakhs for Stage I and Rs. 2.00 lakhs for Stage II blocks.

State Governments have also been advised that resources from block budget of the different welfare Departments and of the different Boards intended for expenditure in the village be pooled at the block level and distributed among the Panchayats.

करोलबाग में अस्पताल

इन्दर७. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जो अस्पताल किसानगंज, दिल्ली में बनाने का विचार था उसे अब करोलबाग में बनाया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या इस प्रयोजन के लिये भूमि ले ली गई है ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो कहां और कितनी ;

(घ) यह अस्पताल कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जाने की आशा है; और

(ङ) इसका अनुमानित व्यय क्या होगा ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करनरकर) :

(क) जी हाँ। अब करोलबाग में अस्पताल बनाने का विचार है।

(ख) भूमि अभी तक नहीं ली गई है।

(ग) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) इस अवस्था में एक निश्चित तिथि बताना सम्भव नहीं है कि अस्पताल कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा।

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Commemorative Stamps

3828. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number, nature and names of commemorative stamps issued during 1958-59; and

(b) the total number of such stamps sold and the amount earned during the same period?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 111]. Information regarding the number of stamps sold and the amount earned is not available. The number of stamps printed and issued together with their face value is, however, indicated in the statement against each issue.

Telephone Connections

3829. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications pending as on the 1st April, 1959 throughout India for installation of telephones, circle-wise;

(b) the number of telephones which are likely to be installed in each circle during 1959-60 against these applications; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite this work?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 112].