

(b) whether the pre-stressed concrete poles have been found suitable for Calcutta Railway electrification scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No Sir

(b) Pre-stressed concrete poles for the Overhead structures have been used experimentally on the Sheoraphuli-Tarakeswar Branch of the Calcutta Electrification. It is too early to say if they are suitable. The proposal to try pre-stressed concrete poles for Main Line Electrification is under examination.

Preservation of Agricultural Produce in Orissa

104 Shri Panigrahi Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of India have given any grant to the Orissa Government in 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far for pre-ervation of agricultural produce

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the purpose, and

(c) whether the State Government had submitted any scheme for preservation of agricultural produce

The Minister for Community Development and Co-operation (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) to (c) There is no specific scheme for preservation of agricultural produce as such. The Second Five Year Plan however provides for assistance to agricultural credit co-operative societies, and to co-operative marketing societies for undertaking construction of godowns. The Government of Orissa is also implementing this programme. The National Co-operative Development and Warehousing Board sanctioned during 1957-58 a grant of Rs 1,15,000 to the Government of Orissa for giving this assistance to Co-operative Societies. During the year 1958-59 the Board has accorded technical approval to a similar programme involving a grant of Rs 25,000. The

final payment (sanction) for the grant during 1958-59 will issue on the basis of the actual expenditure incurred.

T B Survey

106. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 479 on the 25th August 1958 and state

(a) whether the report of the sample survey of tuberculosis initiated by the Indian Council of Medical Research has been submitted, and

(b) if so, what is the incidence of the disease in India and the main features of the report?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b) The report has not yet been submitted by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Medical Council of India

107 Shri L. Achaw Singh. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 442 on the 1st December 1958 and state

(a) whether the Medical Council of India has informed the Union Government that there should be only one system of medicine in the country viz the modern system as prescribed by the Council, and

(b) if so, whether Government has approved of the recommendations of the Council?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India are interested in the development of both modern and indigenous systems of medicine.

Roads Constructions Schemes for Punjab

108 Shri Ram Krishan. Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received a scheme from Punjab for