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Irwin Hospital

Four operation theatres in the Irwin Hospital are air-conditioned.

Overbridge at Vijyawada

1124. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chamber of Commerce (Andhra Pradesh) made a representation to Government of India to construct an overbridge at Vijyawada station in place of the existing underbridge and
- (b) if so, the decision of Government thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir. But the proposal is for provision of a new road overbridge in addition to the existing underbridge.

(b) The Vijyawada Municipality had already requested the Railway Administration to prepare schemes for a new road overbridge as well as for widening the existing underbridge. Detailed plans and estimates are under preparation and when completed will be sent to Municipal Council for their approval and acceptance. The cost of these works will have to be borne fully by the Municipality as per extant rules.

Cremation Ground near South Vinay Nagar

1125. Shri Ram Garib: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any action to remove the cremation grounds which have sprung up near the residential quarters of the Government servants in the South of Vinay Nagar: and
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi propose to construct a cremation ground to serve the needs of Vinay Nagar and other neighbouring localities. The use of unauthorised cremation grounds in

the South of Vinay Nagar will be stopped as soon as the new cremation ground is provided.

Derailment of Katangi-Gondia Train

1126. \int Dr. Gangadhara Siva: Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether two bogies Katangi-Gondia train were derailed in the second week of November, 1959:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the crossing chowkidar has been rewarded for his alertness?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) (b). On 9-11-1959 at about 08:09 hours while No. 2 GK Down Mixed train was running between Saongi and Waraseoni stations on the Balaghat-Katangi section of South Eastern Railway, one vehicle of the train derailed.

(c) No.

Indian Central Cotton Committee

1127. Shri Tangamani: Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the decision of the Indian Central Cotton Committee, which met in the month of September, 1959 to consider the cotton development schemes in this country:
- (b) whether this Committee submitted any report; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. 5. Deshmukh); (a) to (c). The Indian Central Cotton Committee, at its meeting held in September, 1959, sidered the question of stepping cotton production in the country and felt that the target of 72 lakh recommended by the Committee