

Starred Question No. 533 on the 2nd March, 1960 and state the progress made so far in making arrangements for the manufacture of electric locomotives at Chittaranjan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): An order has been placed for all electric equipment. A large number of purchase items for the mechanical portion of the locos have been ordered. Jigs and Fixtures are under manufacture. Manufacturing Drawings are well in hand. Technical problems likely to arise in connection with manufacture are under study. Staff are being trained.

Foreign Exchange for Bridge Construction Material.

*316. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have asked the Central Government to release foreign exchange for the import of bridge construction material during 1960-61; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Irrigation Schemes of Kerala

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Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes completed or where expected to be completed in the list of major and medium irrigation schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan in the State of Kerala by 31st March, 1959;

(b) the amount allocated and spent by the above date;

(c) the acreage originally estimated to be irrigated by the above date and actually irrigated; and

(d) what is the increase in food-grains and commercial crops with respective value in terms of money?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The following major and medium Irrigation Schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan of Kerala, were completed by the 31st of March, 1959:—

(1) Chalakudy Stage I.

(2) Peechi.

(3) Kuttanad Development Scheme spillway at Thottapally.

(b) The amount allocated for the major and medium Irrigation Projects, during the 1st three years of the Second Plan was Rs. 509.41 lakhs, of which the amount actually spent upto the end of March, 1959, was Rs. 473.95 lakhs.

(c) The area proposed to be irrigated during the period was 57,510 acres and the area actually irrigated was 62,000 acres.

(d) The increase in the production of rice, was estimated at 28,800 tons valued approximately at Rs. 173 lakhs.

Departmental Catering on C. Railway

499. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stations on the Central Railway having departmental catering; and

(b) the number of stations where catering is being carried on by private contractors?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 9.

(b) 349.

Ad-hoc Tribunal

500. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer