

390 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, on the understanding that this place was never used as cremation ground before the commencement of the said Act. But later on it was brought to the notice of the Delhi Municipal Corporation authorities that the site in question had been used for cremating dead bodies even before the commencement of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, and as a result, the ban can only be effective if it is imposed after the prior sanction of the Standing Committee of the Corporation. The matter has, therefore, been referred by the Medical Officer of Health, Delhi Municipal Corporation to the Standing Committee for this purpose.

Salem-Bangalore Rail Link

2301. Shri Narasimhan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government have completed the examination of the Traffic and Engineering Survey Reports of the proposed Salem-Bangalore Railway link via Hosur and Dharmapura?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): The reports are still under examination.

World Health Assembly in Delhi

2302. { **Dr. Gangadhara Siva:**
Shri Abdul Latif:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the date of inauguration of the XIV Session of the World Health Assembly to be held in New Delhi next year at the invitation of the Government of India;

(b) the number of countries participating in the session;

(c) whether the representatives of the Unani and Ayurvedic recognised organisations are being invited to attend the session; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) 7th February, 1961.

(b) Total number of Members and Associate Member States is 102 and almost all of them are expected to participate.

(c) No.

(d) Inter-governmental and non-governmental associations which are in official relationship with the World Health Organisation are invited to attend the World Health Assembly as observers. The selection of such organizations is made by the Executive Board and one of the basic criteria is that the organization should be international in its structure and scope.

P. & T. Building, Pithoragarh

2303. Shri J. B. S. Bist: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1604 on the 9th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the construction of Posts and Telegraphs building at Pithoragarh has since been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when will it be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) No.

(b) and (c). There has been difficulty in finding a suitable contractor to execute the work. The estimate had also to be revised. Arrangements have since been made to award the work to a new contractor who will start it after the close of the winter season. It is hoped that the work will be completed by November, 1961.

Insect Parasitology

2304. Shri Dublish: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the research work of Insect Parasitology

(Biological Control of Insect Pests) in the Entomology Division of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute;

(b) whether it has resulted in any definite recommendations for the use of the farmers in the country;

(c) whether any survey on 'New Species' has been done; and

(d) if so, whether any of the new species have been utilized for the control of Insect Pests in India?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Investigations necessary for the utilisation of the parasites for the control of the following Insect pests in India were carried out:

- (i) Cottony Cushion scale of Citrus.
- (ii) Stem Borer and Pyrilla of Sugarcane.
- (iii) Stem Borer of Maize.

Two new parasites of the Cotton Bollworms have been discovered and methods for their mass-multiplication for release in the fields have been perfected.

(b) Results of the investigations are published in Scientific journals from which the workers in the States and farmers get necessary information. These parasites are also supplied to the State Entomologists on request. In Mysore, Madras, Bombay, Orissa and Bihar, parasites for the control of Stem borer of Sugar cane are being utilised to check the borers.

(c) and (d). Yes, a survey is being carried out for New Species of Parasites under a Scheme of the 2nd Five Year Plan. Eighty parasites have been discovered so far under this survey. The investigations on these parasites have not yet reached the stage of their utilisation in India.

Tuliha! Aerodrome (Imphal)

2305. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheduled date of opening of the Tuliha! aerodrome at Imphal has been delayed; and

(b) if so, why and when it will be opened to traffic?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) and (b). There has been some delay in the opening of Tuliha! Aerodrome at Imphal due to non-availability of telephones and remote control lines. It is hoped that the aerodrome will be opened to traffic by the end of January, 1961.

Imphal Municipality

2306. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the date of Civic Election of the Imphal Municipality has been fixed;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be held and whether on adult franchise or not;

(c) whether the Assam Municipal Act has been repealed and replaced by any other Act for the purpose of the Imphal Municipality; and

(d) whether the electoral roll has been prepared on the basis of the extended area of the Municipality?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rice and Paddy Production in Manipur

2307. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prospects of yield of paddy and rice in the coming harvest in Manipur are not very encouraging on account of insects, pests and untimely rains; and

(b) the total estimate of yield during the present season as compared to the previous year?