

896 on the 14th December, 1960 and state at what stage is the proposal to set up a Commodity Committee for the development of spices?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** A Central Commodity Committee for Spices and Cashewnut is proposed to be set up under a Resolution of the Government of India. The draft resolution has been referred to the State Governments, Central Ministries and Departments concerned for eliciting their views.

#### Shortage of Cables and Tele-Communication Apparatus

\*1039. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's special problems relating to shortage of cables and telecommunication apparatus were discussed at the second plenary session of the International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee held in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, what ways and means, if any, were explored to solve the problem?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Passenger Traffic Congestion on Railways

\*1040. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Tangamani:**  
**Shri Jagdish Awasthi:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a severe Passenger traffic congestion on Railways at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras;

(b) whether any scheme has been chalked out to solve this problem; and

(c) if so, its broad features?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) to (c). Yes, during the peak periods. Extension of electrification to cover the suburban sections in Calcutta area is under various stages of implementation. Efforts are also being made to increase the frequency of train services as well as their load during the peak periods to the extent possible within the available resources.

#### Kurnool-Gooty National Highway No. 7

\*1041. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for widening the B.T. surface in miles 32/0 to 60/0 of Kurnool Gooty National Highway No. 7 is under consideration of Government;

(b) what is the cost of the scheme;

(c) when is the scheme likely to be approved and sanctioned;

(d) when is the execution of the work proposed to be started; and

(e) when is it proposed to be completed?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). An estimate for widening the B.T. surface in miles 32/0 to 60/0 of Kurnool-Gooty section of National Highway No. 7 was sanctioned for Rs. 3,91,000/- on 5th December 1960.

(d) The execution of the work is expected to be started shortly.

(e) By the end of March, 1963.

#### Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital, New Delhi

\*1042. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pressure of indoor patients and maternity cases is far greater than