

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

1957-58	Rs. 2,18,94,637.00
1958-59	Rs. 2,61,82,074.00
1959-60	Rs. 2,99,69,324.00

**Extra Departmental Post Offices in Orissa**

**2546. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some extra departmental post offices in Begunia P.S. in Orissa, where no letters are posted;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Post Master of Deuli Post Office in the District of Puri in Orissa takes out letters from another post office and fills its mail bag with those letters regularly;

(c) whether such a situation has been properly enquired into by the authorities concerned; and

(d) if so, when and with what result?

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

(b) No such instance has been noticed. However, a complaint in this regard from a member of Public has recently been received.

(c) and (d). An enquiry has been made into the complaint during this month. No evidence has so far been received in support of the complaint. The enquiry is still in progress.

**Fruit Preserving Units in Orissa**

**2547. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India allocated for Orissa State small scale fruit preserving units at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000 each for the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the Government of India had also allocated one large

scale fruit preserving unit for Orissa at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakhs for the Second Five Year Plan period;

(c) if so, whether the 7 small scale and the one large scale units have been started in Orissa during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(d) if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) who are the persons who have started the small scale units in Orissa and where?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Out of the 7 Small scale units allocated for Orissa, 4 units have so far been set-up. Two units are located at Cuttack and one each at Parlakimedi (Distt. Ganjam) and Angul (Distt. Dhenkanal). The units at Cuttack and Parlakimedi have already started production and the unit at Angul is likely to start production soon. No large scale unit has yet been set up.

(d) The State Government has decided to consider establishment of remaining small scale fruit preserving units and the large scale unit after watching the progress of the four units so far set up.

(e) The names of firms who have started small scale units with the help of Central assistance are as under:

1. M/s. Utkal Fruit Products, (Pvt.) Ltd., Angul.
2. M/s. Kalinga Fruit Products (Pvt.) Ltd., Parlakimedi.
3. M/s. Barabati Fruit Products (Pvt.) Ltd., Rajabagachi, Cuttack.
4. M/s. Orissa Fruit Products (Pvt.) Ltd., Cuttack.

**Tiruvannamalai as a Tourist Centre**

**2548. Shri Dharamlingam:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the resolution passed by the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council to improve Tiruvannamalai as a Tourist Centre has been considered by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the nature of action taken?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The attention of the Government of Madras was drawn to the resolution. They sent a reply to the Chairman of the Council, that in view of the limited number of foreign tourists visiting Tiruvannamalai, the State Government did not consider the putting up of a tourist home for foreigners to be necessary. They added they had a proposal to construct a rest house for the benefit of the low income group home tourists at that place under the Third Five Year Plan.

**Class between Indian and Pakistani Passengers.**

**2549. Shri Subman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any trouble between Indian students travelling as daily passengers and Pakistani youngmen travelling in a train between Payradanga and Naihati Stations on 22nd February, 1961 or nearabout that time on Sealdah-Ranaghat Section, Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the train carrying the Pakistani youngmen was detained at any station;

(d) if so, the period of detention; and

(e) whether other trains also could not run in time due to that detention?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). Yes Sir. On 22nd February, 1961, when the Down East Bengal Express arrived Kancha:apara railway station, some 6 or 7 Indian students of Naihati College, finding no accommodation in the lower class, forced their entry into a first class compartment in which some Pakistani Forest students were travelling. The Pakistani students protested against this action of the Indian students, called them intruders, proposed to examine their tickets and

went to the extent of kicking one of them. When the train stopped at the next station, a large number of students assembled in front of the compartment and demanded unconditional apology from Pakistani students. The Instructor of the Pakistani students having tendered a written apology, the matter ended peacefully.

(c) and (d). Due to this incident the train suffered a detention of 43 minutes at Halishahar and 7 minutes at Naihati stations.

(e) The only other train to suffer detention was a Shantipur local which had to halt for 20 minutes outside the outer signal of Halishahar station.

**Major and Medium Irrigation Projects in Madras State**

**2550. Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money requested by the State Government of Madras for major and medium irrigation projects in that State during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount approved by the Central Government for the purpose?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) The Government of Madras proposed an outlay of Rs. 40 crores for major and medium irrigation projects in their draft Third Five Year Plan.

(b) No final decision about the Third Plan allocations for Madras has yet been taken.

**Nagarjunasagar Project**

**2551. Shri Bali Reddy:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of the right bank canal of the Nagarjunasagar Project as recommended by Khosla Committee; and

(b) the discharge capacity as designed and executed?