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.

Clash between Indian and Pakistani Passengers.

2549. Shri Subiman 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 detsined 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 Shahnawas 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?