

the scales of pay of the Agriculture and other Departments on the basis of the recommendations of the local Pay Commissions. Proposals from the other State Governments are still awaited.

Regarding the recommendation at (ii) above, almost all the State Governments have informed that the Agriculture Department is treated as a major department.

**S.C. and S.T. in Railway Board Secretariat Services**

**2356. Shri Shankar Deo:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reserved vacancies which occurred from April, 1955 to April, 1961 in Railway Board's Secretariat Services for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes grade-wise and the number of such candidates recruited and confirmed against such vacancies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the various orders issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the out-of-turn confirmation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates in the above services have been ignored by the Railway Board; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) The information is given in the enclosed statement.

[See Appendix III, annexure No. 42].

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

12 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**FLOODING OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL COLONIES IN DELHI DUE TO HEAVY RAIN**

**Shri Balraj Madhok (New Delhi):** Under Rule 197, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Health to the

following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:

The flooding of residential houses in Diplomatic Enclave and other residential colonies of Delhi due to the heavy rain-fall on the 2nd August, 1961.

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** As a result of heavy rain in the early morning of 2nd August, 1961, the flooding of residential colonies was reported in the following areas :—

(i) Chanakyapuri (Diplomatic Enclave) near Malcha Marg.

(ii) Jorbagh Nursery in front of houses No. 60 to 130.

(iii) In the residential area of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, west and east—on either side of the Mehrauli Road.

(iv) In G.I. Blocks Vinay Nagar. Besides this, certain local accumulations were also noticed in certain roundabouts and in the low lying huts in Rajasthani camp near Vinay Nagar and the Harijan Basti at the Reading Road end.

It appears that a statement is desired on the flooding due to stoppage of natural flow of rain water due to construction of Link Road without culverts at suitable places. In this connection it may be stated that the flooding in Chanakyapuri (Diplomatic Enclave) may not probably be due to the construction of Link Road. This road was constructed during November, 1960—January, 1961 in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Advisory Committee for diversion of traffic during ceremonial occasions including the visit of Queen Elizabeth. This road had already been provided with two culverts at the time of construction. From the topography of the area between the Ridge and the Sardar Patel Road it