

### Reclamation of the Little Rann of Kutch

3009. { Shri D. J. Naik:  
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:  
Shri P. R. Patel:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to reclaim the Little Rann of Kutch; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government will sponsor the scheme of reclamation?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). The Third 5-Year Plan of Gujarat State includes a provision of Rs. 20.00 lakhs for reclamation of the Little Rann of Kutch and the State might initiate work on one or two pilot projects. It is not proposed to treat the scheme as a Centrally sponsored scheme.

### Officiating Assistants in Railway Board

3010. { Shri Muthu Gounder:  
Shri Ramabadran:  
Shri Rajaram:  
Shri Sezhiyan:  
Shri Sivasankaran:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officiating Assistants in the Railway Board's Office have not been confirmed, even though sufficient permanent posts are available;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when exactly their cases for confirmation would be considered?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The question of initial constitution of the Assistants' (Grade IV) of the Railway Board Secretariat Services has been under reference

with the Union Public Service Commission. It is hoped to finalise this question shortly and thereafter the requisite confirmation orders will be issued both in regard to filling of permanent initial constitution and maintenance vacancies in the grade of Assistants.

### Master Plan for Gauhati

3011. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how far the work of the Master Plan for Gauhati has progressed;

(b) what is the extent of assistance the State Government need from the Centre; and

(c) whether the State Government have apprised the Centre of the present needs for executing the Master Plan in the near future?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Suhila Nayar):** (a) A draft Master Plan for Greater Gauhati has been drawn up by the Government of Assam and a copy of it has been received by the Government of India for suggestions and opinions.

(b) and (c). The Government of Assam propose to meet the expenditure from out of the provision made for the purpose in the State's Budget.

### Delhi Water Supply

3012. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water supply over large parts of Delhi and New Delhi was dislocated towards the end of May, 1962 on account of a lizard having entered a cable box supplying power to Chandrawal water works;

(b) if so, for how many days the water crisis continued; and

(c) which areas were affected most?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Yes, to some parts of the city within the jurisdiction of the Delhi Municipal Corporation.