

value foods supplied are pea panir curry, macaroni cheese, French beans, nut roast, rasagullas etc. The Corporation have prepared menus for vegetarian food in consultation with the College of Catering and Institutional Management, Bombay.

Training of Opticians at Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum

3282. Shri Ravindra Varma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a course for training opticians is being run at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, what is the duration of the course and when was the course started;

(c) whether any examination has been conducted for the trainees at the conclusion of the course; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) The duration of the course is two years. The course commenced on the 15th July, 1960.

(c) No.

(d) The first batch of students will complete the course only in July, 1962.

Foreign Exchange for Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3283. Shri Laxmi Dass: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total component of the foreign exchange for all the sanctioned power projects of Andhra Pradesh for the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange so far sanctioned; and

(c) what is the reason for delay in sanctioning the balance of foreign exchange?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) About Rs. 27.6 crores.

(b) Rs. 6.2 crores.

(c) Ramagundam Extension and Kothagudam Thermal Station which jointly require about Rs. 11.5 crores worth of foreign exchange and have been posed for assistance from Agency for International Development, U.S.A., have not yet been cleared by them. Other schemes such as Nagarjunasagar, Srisaillam and Upper Sileru Stage II have not yet progressed enough for release of foreign exchange.

Irrigation and Power Project Reports from Andhra Pradesh

3284. Shri Laxmi Dass: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Irrigation and Power project reports pertaining to Third Five Year Plan Schemes received from Andhra Pradesh and still pending approval with Government of India; and

(b) the reasons for delay in their approval?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 48].

Hyderabad-Masulipatam Highway

3285. Shri Laxmi Dass: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of accidents have occurred on the Hyderabad-Masulipatam National Highway road due to 12-feet width black-topping;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been made to extend the width of the above-mentioned road from 12 to 20 feet with black-topping; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?