

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?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Some accidents have occurred as may happen on any road, but they were not necessarily due to the carriageway width being 12 ft.

(b) and (c). Two works costing Rs. 17.26 lakhs were sanctioned in 1959 for widening the carriageway from 12' to 22' between miles 51 and 74 and between miles 101 and 116 and the work is nearly complete. Two more proposals for widening the road between miles 17 and 37 have been framed but cannot be sanctioned due to paucity of funds.

#### **Bridge on Hyderabad-Masulipatam Road**

**3286. Shri Laxmi Dass:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one bridge at Hyderabad-Masulipatam road at mile No. 35 in Nalgonda District had been washed away due to heavy rains three years back;

(b) if so, why reconstruction work has not started so far; and

(c) if any work has been started now, when the same will be completed?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). Presumably the Member is referring to the bridge at mile 35/4 on Hyderabad-Masulipatam road, which was washed away in June 1960. Reconstruction of this bridge was taken up and is now practically completed. The bridge is expected to be thrown open to traffic shortly.

#### **Bhakra Dam**

**3287. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to erect a statue in honour of the Bhakra Dam workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) A sub-committee has been appointed by the Bhakra Control Board to work out the details.

#### **Bhakra Dam**

**3288. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has allocated a sum of Rs. 12 lakhs to provide amenities for sightseers at Bhakra Dam; and

(b) if so, the details of the amenities to be provided?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). The Plan of the Central Government for the development of tourism during the Third Plan period includes a provision of Rs. 12.00 lakhs for provision of facilities for tourists at Govind Sagar at Bhakra Dam. The facilities contemplated are a rest house, cafeteria, pavilions, boating facilities and water skiing.

#### **Loans to States for Agricultural Development**

**3289. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:** Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of loans have been given to the States for the purpose of agricultural development with break-up of annual figures from the financial year 1957-58 to 1961-62 State-wise;

(b) the amounts of loans recovered, State-wise, upto this date; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a committee to investigate into the cooperative movement in the States and to adopt ways and means to strengthen the movement and to make it more effective?