

pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have allotted an amount of Rs. 51,000 towards research to find most suitable manure for coconut cultivation;

(b) whether the Kerala Government have spent the amount; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (c). A scheme for laying out simple manurial trials in the gardens of Coconut Cultivators in Kerala State involving an estimated cost of Rs. 1,02,470 has been sanctioned for a period of four years from 1st April, 1962. The Indian Central Coconut Committee will meet an expenditure of Rs. 50,550 which represents 50 per cent of the total recurring expenditure of the scheme.

#### Technical Education

**1425. Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on technical studies for the Railway employees' children during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) how many Class IV and Class III employees' children got the benefit?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### Malpractices in P&T Motor Service Section, Delhi

**1426. Dr. Meikote:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from the workers and the National Union of Tele-

Post Workers regarding malpractices in P&T Motor Service Section, Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made; and

(c) if so, the result of such investigation?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is under investigation.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Medium Irrigation

**1427. Dr. K. L. Rao:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted of the medium irrigation projects in the country;

(b) if so, whether a list together with benefits and approximate costs thereof will be laid on the Table; and

(c) the amount of money spent on such projects in First and Second Five Year Plans and its provision in the Third Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The Central Government does not undertake any surveys of medium irrigation schemes unless requested by any State Government. The State Governments themselves undertake surveys and investigations of all major and medium projects taken up by them for execution.

(b) A list giving benefits and approximate cost scheme-wise is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-126/62].

(c) Expenditure figures for medium projects are not available separately. The total outlay on major and medium irrigation projects in the 1st and 2nd Plans was Rs. 300 and 370 crores respectively. Provision for medium ir-

rigation schemes in the IIIrd Plan is Rs. 140 crores.

**Accidents on G.T. Road near Howrah**

1428. { Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:  
Dr. Saradish Roy:  
Shri Sarkar Murmu:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a serious increase in the number of accidents on G.T. Road covering the portion from Howrah to Durgapur; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposed to take to check it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The information required is being obtained from the Government of West Bengal and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as a reply is received from the State Government.

**Harnessing of Rivers in Kerala**

1429. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:  
Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala had submitted a master plan for harnessing the rivers in Kerala to provide irrigation facilities;

(b) what action has been taken on the above matter; and

(c) in view of the fact that Kerala is not self-sufficient in the matter of food, whether Government will give top priority in this matter?

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

(b) and (c). Detailed schemes when received from the State Government

are examined in the light of the Master Plan for inclusion in the Five Year Plans. Execution of all the schemes included in the Master Plan will extend upto the year 1991. Priorities for taking up the schemes within the financial resources are fixed by the State Government.

**Doctors**

1430. Shrimati Vimla Devi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 558 on the 3rd May, 1962 and state:

(a) what the number of doctors will be by the end of Third Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the ratio of doctors to population at present and what will it be at the end of Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether the ratio will be high enough to attain a reasonable level of medical care for the population at the end of Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) According to the Planning Commission's estimates the total number of doctors at the end of the Third Five Year Plan is expected to be 81,000.

(b) The present ratio of doctors to population is estimated to be 1: 6000. The ratio is likely to remain more or less the same at the end of the Third Five Year Plan as the increase in current output of doctors would almost be set-off by parallel increase in population while steps taken for increasing the out-turn of doctors during the Plan period will bear fruit only during the fourth and subsequent Plans.

(c) Compared to the corresponding ratios prevailing in some of the Western countries, the ratio of 1 doctor for 6000 population in India is low. According to the Health Survey and Planning Committee appointed by the Government of India it would perhaps be a safe target to aim at hav-