

7th July, 1962 a memorandum requesting for quick clearing arrangements on railways from lime-fruit growing area to Howrah; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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

(b) Special arrangements were made to clear this traffic as a result of which 55 parcel vans loaded with lime were despatched from Tenali to Howrah by passenger parcel trains. In addition, compartments of the Janata Express and Howrah Mail were utilised for the conveyance of 200 bags and 50 bags lime a day respectively from Tenali. There was no further demand from the merchants and during the last few days of July 1962 the room on the Mail and Express trains was not fully utilised due to lack of demand.

Electricity in the Country

497. Shri Kolla Venkaiah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) when the schemes for installation of generating capacity of electric power included in the Second Five Year Plan were submitted by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Mysore and Maharashtra to the Central Government for giving necessary technical clearance by the Central Water and Power Commission and the Planning Commission;

(b) when the technical clearance for different schemes was given;

(c) whether any schemes included in the Second Five Year Plan are pending for technical clearance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 56]

Freedom from Hunger

499. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Campaign Committee of 'Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign' has formulated a programme in this connection to be carried out in India;

(b) if so, the main features of this programme;

(c) when this campaign was started; and

(d) what are the achievements so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Undertaking informational, educational and research activities and carrying out action projects with a view to mitigating human miseries caused by hunger and mal-nutrition which is the main objective of the Campaign.

(c) 1st July, 1960.

(d) (i) A national Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign Fund has been established. Appeals for contributions to the Fund have been issued. Contributions to the Fund have been exempted from payment of income, gift and expenditure taxes.

(ii) Wide publicity is being given to the objectives of the Campaign through the circulation of literature on informational and educational activities. A symposium on the Campaign was held in January 1961. A number of research projects have been recommended to Research Institutes and State Governments for initiation.

(iii) A few action projects have been formulated, of which two, relating to the manufacture of scientificallly compounded poultry mash and improvement of fruit and vegetable production, are under the process of initiation. Due to paucity of funds, foreign assistance is being negotiated