

According to the information received from the State Government, there has not been any hold-up of work uptil now but, if the foreign exchange required for the project does not become available in time, the progress may be delayed.

(b) Apart from the cost of equipment obtained under the T.C.M. Aid Programme (Rs. 55,32,500 during 1955-56 and Rs. 2,46,91,442 in 1956-57), the following loans have been given to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the execution of the project so far:

Year	Amount
1954-55	Rs. 89,00,000
1955-56	Rs. 3,00,00,000
1956-57	Rs. 2,50,00,000
Total	Rs. 6,39,00,000

(c) The total expenditure on the Project from December, 1947 (when work was first started) up to the end of March, 1957, was about Rs. 10 crores, inclusive of the cost of equipment obtained under the T.C.M. Aid Programme. Prior to 1954-55, expenditure on the Project was met by the State Government as in the case of other development schemes. From 1954-55 onwards, the expenditure is being met from the loans advanced by the Centre specifically for this project. The amount to be spent after March, 1957, is about Rs. 35 crores.

Central Road Fund

300. **Shri R. J. Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount allotted to the State of Orissa from the Central Road Fund for the Year 1956-57?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): The amount allocated during the year 1956-57 was Rs. 7,07,448.

Tinnelveli to Kanya Kumari Railway line

301. **Shri Ganapathy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formation of Railway line between Tinnelveli and Kanya Kumari (Cape) has been included in the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, when it will be implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Booking Facilities on Railways

302. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of booking passengers to and from the crossing stations of Rambhadrapur and Baluaha on the Samastipur Darbhanga Branch of North Eastern Railway has been considered; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) and (b). It is proposed to open shortly these stations, for booking of passengers and their luggage.

States Electricity Boards

303. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Electricity Boards have been set up so far;

(b) whether the setting up of these States Electricity Boards have proved helpful in providing stimulus to the programme of rural electrification; and

(c) if so, to what extent?