

multi-storeyed building on Queen Victoria Road in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of damage; and

(c) whether a statement giving details thereof would be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). Some damage has unfortunately been caused. The amount of damage is being assessed in consultation with the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting who supplied the publications for distribution, free of cost.

(c) Yes.

Medium-sized Irrigation Projects in Punjab

1606. { Shri Daljit Singh:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial aid was sought by the Government of Punjab for the construction of medium-sized irrigation projects in the scarcity areas of the State during 1958-59; and

(b) if so, the names of the places where these are to be constructed?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The reply is in negative.

Under the programme of Permanent Improvement of Scarcity areas, a sum of Rs. 38.5 lakhs was allocated for the State of Punjab and the entire amount was placed at their disposal by the end of 1957-58.

(b) There is only one scheme viz. Dadri irrigation scheme which is under execution by the Government of Punjab under this programme. The scheme will provide irrigation for 50,000 acres of arid tract in Dadri Tehsil of Mahendragarh district by remodelling the Bhiwani Distributary on the Western Jamuna Canal and extending it by 23.2 miles.

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Bhakra Nangal Project

1607. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to lay on the Table a copy of agreement between the Punjab and Rajasthan Governments regarding the Bhakra Nangal Project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): A draft agreement has been prepared and is being scrutinised by the Government of India and the Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan. It is hoped to finalise it shortly.

Joy Flights

1608. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines Corporation has started joy flights; and

(b) if so, at which stations?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). The Indian Airlines Corporation have been operating joy flights at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras on demand.

Conversion of Nagpur and Parasia Line into Broad Gauge

1610. **Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to convert the Narrow Gauge line between Nagpur and Parasia into a Broad Gauge one;

(b) whether Government have recently assessed the freight potential of oranges, manganese ore, coal, etc. of this area; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to carry out the assessment soon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No.

(b) No such occasion has arisen. The anticipated increase of traffic by the end of the Second Plan period is well within the transport capability of the existing narrow gauge.

(c) Does not arise.