

started in a hurry without proper arrangements.

(b) The Medical Council of India, which is a statutory body, lays down the standards for medical education. The defects noticed by the Council are brought to the notice of the authorities in charge of the Medical Colleges for remedial action.

### Rihand Dam Project

\*1068. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the power production from Rihand Project is likely to be delayed for a year;

(b) if so, whether the delay is due to non-availability of penstock for the project;

(c) whether foreign exchange difficulty stands in the way of early completion of the project;

(d) whether State Government of U.P. is likely to incur heavy financial loss because of this delay; and

(e) the steps taken by Central Government to overcome this difficulty?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) From the information available it appears likely that the power production from the Rihand Project might be delayed by 4 to 6 months.

(b) The delay is due to the fact that the tracks and guides for penstock gates could not be delivered by the manufacturers as originally scheduled.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) This aspect will be examined by the State Government.

(e) The possibility of getting the tracks and guides manufactured at one of the Ordnance Factories is being explored.

### Train Collision at Sapekhati Station

**1358. Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two goods trains collided at Sapekhati Station (N.E.F. Railway) on the 11th January, 1960;

(b) if so, the details of the accident;

(c) whether the cause of the accident has been ascertained; and

(d) if so, what was the cause?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) and (b). On 11th January, 1960 at about 03-45 hours while No. 901 UP Goods was being received at Sapekhati station on the Mariani-Tinsukhia section of the North East Frontier Railway, No. 860 Down Goods train entered from opposite direction on the same line and collided head-on with the former train. As a result, the Engine and the next 7 wagons of 860 Down and 2 wagons of 901 UP derailed.

The Drivers and Firemen of both the trains sustained minor injuries.

(c) and (d). The cause of the accident is under investigation by the Railway Administration.

### Loco Workshops on Western Railway

**1359. Shri Dindod:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Loco Workshops on Western Railway at the end of 1959;

(b) the total number of labourers employed in each of the workshops;

(c) the total number of engines repaired at each of the workshops during 1959; and

(d) the total amount spent by Railways at each of the workshops for (i) primary, and (ii) secondary education during 1959?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Seven.

(1 Broad Gauge, 5 Metre Gauge and 1 Narrow Gauge).

(b) The number of labourers (artisans and Un-skilled) employed in each of the workshops are:—

Dohad . . . .	3457
Ajmer . . . .	4053
Jaipur . . . .	290
Bhavnagar . . . .	800
Gondal . . . .	366
Jamnagar . . . .	275
Pratapnagar . . . .	455

(c) Number of engines repaired in each of the Workshops during 1959:

Dohad . . . .	215
Ajmer . . . .	304
Jaipur . . . .	51
Bhavnagar . . . .	44
Gondal . . . .	24
Jamnagar . . . .	21
Pratapnagar . . . .	44

(d) In 1959 Railway Schools functioned only at Dohad, Ajmer and Bhavnagar. There were no Railway schools at Jaipur, Gondal, Jamnagar and Pratapnagar. The amount spent in the aforesaid 3 schools for children of Railway Workshop employees is not separately available, as the schools catered for children of staff belonging to all the departments.

#### Rural Electrification in Punjab

1360. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has requested for financial aid for rural electrification scheme for the year 1960-61; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). The Punjab Government have submitted proposals for rural electrification, requiring an outlay of Rs. 239.61 lakhs during 1960-61. The proposals comprise 115 schemes under the Uhl and Bhakra Nangal systems in the

various districts of the State. The proposals are under consideration.

#### Passenger Traffic

1361. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the daily average number of passengers passing through Howrah, Sealdah, Bombay V.T., Bombay Central, Madras Central, Delhi and New Delhi Stations during 1958 and 1959?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):**

Name of Station	Daily average number of outward and inward passengers	
	1958	1959
Howrah . . . .	1,97,171	2,12,057
Sealdah . . . .	1,66,669	1,75,439
Bombay V.T. . . .	2,51,051	2,85,469
Bombay Central . . . .	7,315	7,187
*Madras Central . . . .	13,440	13,880
Delhi . . . .	34,700	30,789
New Delhi . . . .	8,165	9,748

\*Excludes season ticket traffic.

#### Transportation of Iron Ore from Minor Ports in Andhra Pradesh

1362. **Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount of iron ore transferred from different minor ports in Andhra Pradesh (Port-wise) during 1958 and 1959?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

	1958 (in tons)	1959 (in tons)
Kakinada . . . .	1,02,787	98,650
Masulipatam . . . .	1,33,206	1,44,217

#### Forest Development in Punjab

1363. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount allotted to Punjab during the Second Five Year Plan period so far for forest development?