

## CIRCULAR TOUR TICKETS

200. **Shri P. Subba Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to re-introduce circular tour tickets available for 3 months at three-fourths of the usual fare to encourage pilgrim traffic?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** Standard circular tour tickets available for three months have been re-introduced with effect from 1st April 1951 without any concession in fares.

## TRAVELLING ON FOOT-BOARDS

201. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many persons in the South, West and Central Railways (separately) were prosecuted for travelling on foot-boards in January 1950, 1951 and 1952?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):**

Railways	Number of persons prosecuted for travelling on footboard in January.		
	1950	1951	1952
Southern,	202	206	139
Western.	237	139	339
Central.	606	723	654

## CEREAL PRODUCTION

202. **Shri Barman:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the cereal production and consumption estimate of India in 1950, 1951 and 1952?

(b) What is the production and consumption estimate in 1956 and what is the estimate of import, if any, in that year?

(c) Is it a fact that, as regards production of cereals in 1951, there is huge difference of estimates as collected from official method and as reported by sample survey method?

(d) If so, how has the discrepancy been resolved by now?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) A statement showing gross and net production of cereals in the country during 1950 and 1951 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 33.]

Final official estimates regarding a total production and consumption of

cereals for the year 1952 are not yet available. As no statistics regarding changes in stocks held on private account are available, it is not possible to indicate the actual consumption of cereals in the country in any year. The figures regarding net supplies from the Centre to all States taken together in the two years 1950 and 1951 and changes in stocks held by the State Governments have, however, been indicated in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) No estimates of production, consumption or imports of cereals in 1956 are available. The Planning Commission have, however, set up a target of additional production of 7.2 million tons to be achieved by 1956. If this target is achieved, and the over-all standard of consumption of cereals during 1956 is the same as the over-all standard of consumption in 1950, we may not require any imports during 1956 for purpose of consumption if the season is normal.

(c) The Sample Survey estimate was higher than the final official estimate for 1950-51 by 7.5 per cent.

(d) The discrepancy is explained by the difference in the methods of estimation adopted for the two estimates.

The Sample Survey Method has now been established to be more reliable and all State Governments have been requested to base their final estimates of production on the results of the crop-cutting sample surveys.

## LOCOMOTIVES

203. **Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of locomotives on the lines of the three gauges at present and the number of locomotives on lines which have already passed the average period of their life;

(b) the number, description and value of the locomotives imported into India from foreign countries during the year 1951-52;

(c) the number of the locomotives at present undergoing repairs at the various workshops in India;

(d) the number, description and value of the locomotives for which orders have been placed with foreign firms and the time by which they are likely to be received in India during the year 1952-53;

(e) the number, description and value of the locomotives manufactured