

the construction of new quarters during the Second Five Year Plan period,

(b) if so, which Railways; and

(c) the nature of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). It is proposed to construct about 64,500 quarters for all categories of staff and improve some existing staff quarters at a cost of Rs. 35 crores during the Second Five Year Plan on all the Indian Government Railways.

Extraction of Sugar from Bagasse

***83. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 655 on the 2nd August, 1956 and state whether the method of extracting sugar from bagasse on the lines of Mannheim Rheinau method of sugar extraction from hard wood is being tried on a pilot plant scale for adoption in the country?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No, Sir, not so far.

Navigation Channel in Cochin Port

***84. Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any obstruction for shipping in the navigation channel of the Cochin Port; and

(b) if so, what are the causes for the same and what steps have been taken to remove the obstruction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

ग्राम पंचायत प्रणाली

***85. श्री विभूति निधु :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्राम पंचायत प्रणाली भारत के सभी राज्यों में लागू कर दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या अब तक ग्राम पंचायतों का काम संतोषजनक पाया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या पंचायतों में कोई सुधार करने के लिये किसी सक्रिय पग के उठाने का विचार है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : (क) जी हा । मणिपुर, त्रिपुरा, अंदमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह और लक्षद्वीप, मिनिकाप और अमीनद्वीप सब क्षेत्रों के प्रतिरिक्त भारत के सभी राज्यों में ग्राम पंचायत प्रणाली लागू कर दी गई है ।

(ख) जी हा ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Quilon-Ernakulam Line

***86. Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Quilon-Ernakulam railway construction work;

(b) when the line will be completed, and

(c) whether Government propose to use diesel engines on the line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The overall progress is about 87 per cent. of the work.

(b) The entire line is expected to be completed by the end of October, 1957.

(c) No, Sir

उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय विस्तार सेवा कण्ड

***87. श्री रूप नारायण :** क्या सानु-हायिक विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना काल में कितने राष्ट्रीय विस्तार सेवा