wrong if the hon. Member implies that we get weevil and moth-eaten wheat

Mr. Speaker: The hon Member only wants to know whether there is any agency to check it

Shri A. P. Jain: Yes

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha. What is the stock that Government propose to get during 1957 and 1958 and to meet our requirements and how many warehouses Government propose to start this year?

Shri A. P. Jain. The total quantity wheat agreed to be imported under the PL 480 agreement already entered into is proposed to be imported by the end of the present financial year Government have got enough of store-houses Maybe if we need more, we shall make arrangements for that

Community Development work in Bombay

*176. **Shri Assar.** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to stae

(a) whether the entire amount allocated by the Central Government for Community Development work in Bombay State in 1956-57, has been utilised by the State Government and

(b) if not the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S K. Dey): (a) Yes, except that loan funds to the extent of about Rs 26 lakhs could not be utilised out of the amount allocated to the reorganised Bombay State The loan expenditure booked by the Branch Offices of the Accountant General, Bombay at Rajkot and Nagpur being not available has not been taken into account

(b) The saving in the loan funds is mainly due to reorganisation of the State and lack of adequate public participation

Shri Raghubir Sahai: May I know whether it is true or not that there is

a great anxiety on the part of the Community Development personnel to spend all the sums that are placed at their disposal and to show physical achievements of all sorts without laying any stress on the change of outlook of the people and on building them up as men?

Shri S. K. Dey: The situation is not universal although there is a tendency in this direction Attempts are always made to correct this tendency.

Railway Amenities

*177. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government contemplate to bring at par metre gauge railway with broad gauge in respect of amenities facilities and in other respects, and

(b) if so, the shape of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No discrimination is made in regard to the standard of amenities provided for Railway Users on the Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge sections

(b) Does not arise

श्री विभूति मिश्र मदन के जिन सदस्यों ने ब्राड गेज और मीटर गेज दोनो पर सफर किया होगा उन को दोनो का अन्तर मालूम हुआ होगा । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि मंत्री जी इस सचाई को मानते है या नहीं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां इस सचाई को तो मैं मानता हूं । मै खुद अभी नार्थ ईस्टर्न रेलवे पर जा कर देख आया हूं । बात यह है कि जिस क्त हम ने इस रेलवे को लिया उस वक्त इस रेलवे पर एमेनिटीज का स्टडर्ड बहुत घटिया दर्जे का था । हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि इस को जल्दी ऊपर उठाया जाय । मौजूदा वक्त में हम कोई डिस्-क्रिमिनेशन नही कर रहे हैं ।

Shri C. D. Pande: May I know if Government is aware of the fact that even on the broad gauge, in the Delhi station proper, the caterers refuse to serve meals in the compartment and many Members have been put to inconvenience because meals are not served?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan· I am sorry I am not aware of this If the hon. Member would let me know any details of this, I will have it looked into

श्री जुगलबेन राय   क्या मैं जान सकता हूं कि मीटर गेज में जो पानी पिलाने वाले रखे गये हैं वे स्टेशन मास्टरो के घरो पर काम किया करते हैं और स्टेशन पर नही रहते हैं ?

Shri Hem Barua May I know if the facilities of sleeping arrangements granted to the passengers on the broad gauge lines are also granted to the passengers on the N E Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan Yes, Sir

Wooden Sleepers for Railways

*179 Shri Bishwanath Roy Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import wooden sleepers for the Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) The proposal is under consideration

Shri Bishwanath Roy May I know whether the wood available in the Andamans and in India is not fit for this purpose?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan The wood that is available is very insufficient for our requirements Our requirements are something like 71 lakhs sleepers a year and the wood available locally is about 22 lakhs

Shri Ranga Including the Andamans?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes

Shri P Ramaswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh offered to supply the necessary wooden sleepers cut into size when the Railway Minister was on tour to Hyderabad?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan. We are trying to step up the procurement of sleepers locally The main difficulty has been one of price The State Governments are asking a higher price We are trying as much we can to procure sleepers locally

Shri B S Murthy How does the rate offered by the Andhra Government compare with the imported price?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan The general price of local sleepers is between Rs 19 to Rs 21 per sleeper for the broad gauge The imported price is a little higher

Shri Punnoose How does it compare with the imported one?

Mr Speaker He has said that the imported price is higher

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram) The position is this We are short of sleepers and I have taken up the matter with the State Governments personally and I have had discussions with the Chief Ministers on this point I have been promised all co operation from their side But the position of timber in our country is that in spite of the best efforts of the State Governments and Conservator of Forests there is no chance of the requirements of the Railways being completely met from internal resources

Raja Mahendra Pratap Can we not use iron sleepers?

Mr Speaker It is something like saying There is no cake eat the cake

Shri Dasappa Is it not a fact that the Andamans Government was prepared to supply wooden sleepers to