

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A survey has been made under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India

(b) No, Sir The percentage of indebtedness as well as average debt per family is lower than most of the other districts where the survey was conducted

(c) Tripura Administration have already advanced Rs 3 lakhs to the tribals in specified areas It is proposed to strengthen and develop co-operative credit structure and also undertake legislation by extending the Bombay Money Lenders Act to Tripura in order to reduce rural indebtedness in Tripura

Electrification of Bangalore-Mysore Line

***183. Shri Shankariah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that the Mysore State had proposed and sanctioned to put up an electric line with broad gauge between Bangalore and Mysore just prior to the integration of the State,

(b) if so what action has been taken, and

(c) whether this scheme will be included in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b) A survey for electrification of Bangalore-Mysore Section was carried out by the Mysore Government prior to the integration of Mysore State Railway but they themselves on the results of the report had dropped the scheme.

(c) No, Sir

Imported Railway Engines

***184. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that some metre gauge railway engines reported

to have been imported from Japan and West Germany have been lying in an exposed condition near the Kidderpore Docks in Calcutta for the last four-five months;

(b) if so, the reasons for their non-removal from the dock so far, and

(c) the number of Japanese and German engines amongst them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, the engines are generally stored in the open and no covered accommodation is necessary

(b) The engines were received in a bunch after the re-opening of Suez Canal and because of limited unloading capacity at the port, and shortage of requisite railway wagons for despatch, the clearance has been slow

(c) So far, 110 Japanese engines and 60 West German engines have been received, out of which only 21 engines are at the docks awaiting clearance

Construction of Chamrajnagar-Satyamangalam Railway

***185 Shri Mohamed Imam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 541 on the 28th November, 1956 regarding construction of a railway line between Chamrajnagar and Satyamangalam and state whether Government propose to include this work under the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): It has not been possible to include this line in the list of new constructions for the Second Five Year Plan period

River Boards Act, 1956

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

(a) whether any of the River Boards as envisaged in the River Boards Act, 1956 has started working;