

Construction of Roads

*857. Shri Y. S. Parmar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work on motorable roads has been stopped in Himachal Pradesh and a large number of gangs disbanded;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of beldars have been thrown out of employment;

(c) whether it is a fact that no new roads are being taken up in hand and those in hand in the interior are not being attended to; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to expedite the construction of motorable roads so as to achieve the target laid down in Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). No, Sir

(c) Effort is now being concentrated on the consolidation of roads started before 1st November, 1956. Work had to be stopped on certain roads which were commenced before 1st November, 1956 without proper sanction but it will be resumed as soon as the projects are approved.

(d) Work is being carried on in accordance with the Second Five Year Plan.

परियोजना सम्बन्धी कार्यों में सीमेंट का प्रयोग

*दृ.द. श्री आसकर : क्या सिंचाई और बिजुत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि बड़ी बड़ी परियोजनाओं के निर्माण कार्यों में सीमेंट का उचित अनुपात में प्रयोग नहीं किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई जांच की है ; और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

सिंचाई और बिजुत उपमंत्री (श्री हाथी) : (क) जहाँ तक सरकार को विदित है, सीमेंट का प्रयोग नियत विस्तृत विवरण (स्पेसिफिकेशन) के अनुसार किया जा रहा है।

(ख) तथा (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Railway Protection Force

*889. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the men of the Railway Protection Force who were originally recruited as Railway servants by the Commercial Department and who are willing to go back to that Department have been allowed to do so;

(b) whether it is the policy of Government to transfer to regular Railway employment those who were in service as Watch and Ward men before the 14th April, 1954, on which date the Department was converted into the Protection Force; and

(c) how many are transferred likewise in the Southern Railway and how many who have applied are waiting for such transfer orders?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): - (a) Individual requests have been considered and where without affecting the staff position could be complied with, such requests have been accepted.

(b) No.

(c) :—

(i) Number of staff already transferred to other Departments: 48.

(ii) Number of requests under consideration: .