The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) There is a proposal to establish six regional Family Planning training Centres at present.

Two training centres, one in Bombay and another in Ramanagaram, are already functioning.

Research on contraceptives is being carried out at the Contraceptive Testing Unit in Indian Cancer Research Centre, Bombay and the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta. Research on population problems is being carried out at the Demographic Teaching and Research Centre, Bombay and at the Demographic Centre in the Delhi School of Economics.

- (b) The Regional Training Centres are proposed to be established in Kerala, Madras, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- (c) One training centre only in each of the States selected.

गाजियाबाद-पुगल गबाद रेलवे लाइन

११७६ श्रीमो त्मस्वदा क्यारेचबे मंत्रीयहबताने की कृपाकरेगे कि

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद से तुगलकाबाद तक रेलवे लाइन बनाने की व्यवस्था की जा रही है; ग्रीर
- (स) यदि हा, तो यह लाइन कितनी सम्बी होगी और इस पर अनुमानतः कितना सर्व होगा ?

रेलवे उनमंत्री (श्री झाहनवाज जा): (क) इस लाइन का झन्तिम मार्ग निर्धारण सर्वे (Final Location Survey) करने का हुक्म दिया गया है।

(स) तुग़लकाबाद से गाजियाबाद तक इस लाइन की लम्बाई १६.०० मील होगी और मीटे तौर पर इसके बनाने में २.६७ करोड़ रुपये सर्व का झन्दाबा है जिसमें यमुना पर दूसरे पुल की लागत भी शामिल है।

Cetton

*1130. Surdar Iqual Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the area under cultivation of cotton and the annual production of cotton, State-wise, during the current year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): According to the All-India Second Estimate of Cotton, 1957-58 the area under cotton during the current year is estimated at 16,211 thousand acres. A statement giving information regarding area under cultivation in each State is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 49].

Final estimates of area and production of cotton for 1957-58 will become available only by the middle of May, 1958.

Railway Siding

*1181. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question No. 219 on the 24th July, 1957 and Unstarred Question No. 1157 on 3rd September, 1957 and state whether the joint traffic and engineering surveys by the representatives of India and Pakistan as regards provision of Railway sidings to Tripura have been completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): No Sir; The surveys have not yet been taken in hand as the minutes of the Indo-Pakistan Conference held at Dacca on 18th March, 1957, wherein agreement to that effect was reached, have not been ratified by the Government of Pakistan so far.

Electric Trains

*1182. Shri Ghesal: Shri B. Das Gupta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a test-running of the electric trains in the first 5573

week of November, 1957 between Howrah and Sheoraphuli; and

(b) whether there was any substantial difference in the running time between the electric trains and ordinary trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b). No test running of Electric trains between Howrah and Sheoraphuli was started in the first week of November. However, testing of electric locomotives with some coaches on section Belur to Konnagar commenced on 10-11-1957. On four suburban trains, hauled by electric locomotives, introduced on the section Howrah to Sheoraphuli from 1-12-1957, a saving of 11 minutes per run compared to steam services is achieved at present.

Protection of Railway Lines and Bridges

*1183. Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme for the protection of railway lines and bridges with the help of villages has been finalised; and
- (b) if so, whether a statement indicating the details about the financial implications and working of the scheme will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The scheme has been worked out between the Ministries of Railways and Home Affairs and sent to the State Governments and Railway Administrations for implementation. Most of the State Governments have issued instructions to their Districts where the details of the scheme are being worked out in consultation with the local Railway Administrations. The financial implications will be known only after these details have been settled.

राब्द्रीय बल सम्भरण तथा स्मूच्छता बीचनाओं के बन्तर्पत उत्तर प्रवेश की स्टॉर्थसर

*११६४. भी भक्त वर्षकः न्या स्वास्त्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि राष्ट्रीय जल सम्भरण तथा स्वच्छता योजना के भन्तर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश को धनुदानों के रूप मूँ, चालू वितीय वर्ष में कितनी धन-राशि स्वीकृत की गई है भ्रयवा करने का विचार है तथा ये प्रनुदान कितनी योजनामों के लिये स्वीकृत किये गये हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर): उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को १६५७-५८ में अनुदान देने के लिये ७ लाख रुपये की राणि निर्धारित की गई है। इस राज्य की प्रथम श्रायोजना से कोई योजनायें क्षेष नही बची हैं। जल-सम्भरक भौर परिशोधित शौचालयों के १८० सेटों के लिये चार नयी योजनाये परीक्षणाधीन है, जो ३५५ गांवो में लागू होंगी।

Rice and Paddy

*1185. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Madras Government have sought the advice of the Centre to introduce licencing system for merchants dealing in rice and paddy;
 - (b) the need for such a step; and
- (c) the advice rendered by the Centre?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). In order to prevent any tendency for speculative trading in paddy and rice, the Madras Government have proposed the issue of an Order under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, seeking introduction of a system of licensing of big traders. The draft Order is under consideration of the Central Government.