

(b) We shall have to manage with the limited import programme by meeting part of the demand for rice by wheat.

(c) Identity cards have already been introduced in Kerala, Mysore, West Bengal, Assam and Tripura, in addition to Bombay City.

(d) On 1-2-1958 there was a stock of 2.45 lakh tons of rice in the Central Reserve.

(e) The main difficulty would be that Government would not be able to meet the entire demand for rice by rice.

Train Collision

231. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Indo-Ceylon Express bound for Dhanushkoti bumped into the Tenkasi-Madras passenger train at Tanjore junction on the morning of the 8th January, 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): 'Yes'. On 8-1-1958 at about 6.25 hours while backing No. 101 Madras-Egmore-Dhanushkoti Boat Mail on the platform line of Tanjore Junction, its rear portion bumped against the rear portion of No 112 Tenkasi Passenger which was standing on the other end of this platform, having been received earlier.

Eighth Railway Zone

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

(a) the amount of expenditure which will have to be incurred in order to complete the arrangements of the new eighth Railway Zone recently created; and

(b) the estimated approximate increase in Railway earnings as a result of creation of this new zone?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The amount of expenditure likely to be incurred for setting up the new Zone is approximately Rs. 169 lakhs, inclusive of cost of quarters, training of extra staff etc. A substantial portion of the cost of quarters would have been incurred even without the formation of the new Zone, but at a slower pace. Moreover, it has been possible to effect substantial savings in the building programme (both office and quarters) at Gorakhpur owing to the bifurcation of the old N.E. Railway.

(b) The estimate of earnings of the North Eastern and North-East Frontier Railways for the year 1958-59 as also that of the unbifurcated North Eastern Railway for the previous year will be available in the Explanatory Memorandum on the Railway Budget for 1958-59 due to be presented today.

Third Five Year Plan

*233. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Railway Department has been asked by the Planning Commission to prepare proposals for schemes to be included in the Third Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): No, Sir.

Contaminated water supply in Delhi

*234. { Shri Vajpayee:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that filtered water supplied to the residents of South Delhi was contaminated in January, 1958;

(b) whether any warning was given to the residents;

(c) how long was this sewage mixed water supplied to the people;