

tion decided on Friday the 14th November, 1958 at Hamburg on a four day international boycott of non-union ships flying flags of convenience; and

(b) if so, what course India will adopt in this connection?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Government of India have no official information about the matter. There has been no boycott of such ships at Indian Ports so far.

Wheat Research Institutes

*589. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Wheat Research Institutes working under the supervision of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) the manner in which the results of the research have been brought to the knowledge of the growers in the field?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Work on wheat research is being done at present at sixteen stations. Six of these stations work under the administrative control of the Director, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. The remaining ten stations are run by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in collaboration with the State Governments concerned.

(b) The results of research are brought to the knowledge of the growers by the State Departments of Agriculture. Important results are also published in popular journals brought out by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, viz., 'Indian Farming', 'Kheti' and 'Dharti-ke-Lal'.

Transport Co-operative Societies

*590. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri Ramteshwar Tanti:
Shri Kottiyas:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1392 on the 18th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the details of the scheme to set up Transport Co-operative Societies for the educated unemployed in the country have been worked out;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(c) the funds made available for the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, the details of the scheme have been finalised and the Governments of the five States in which the Co-operative Societies are proposed to be set up have been asked to implement the scheme. Certain adjustments in the details of the Scheme may become necessary in the light of the comments received from the State Governments concerned.

(b) The scheme is estimated to cost Rs 20 lakhs

(c) The provision of funds will be made as soon as the States are ready to work the scheme

Steel Foundry at Chittaranjan

*591. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 152 on the 16th August, 1958 and state:

(a) the stage at which the proposal for the setting up of the Steel Foundry at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is; and

(b) what is the estimated cost of the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Tenders have been finalised and it has been decided to enter into collaboration with M/s. F. H. Lloyd & Co. of U.K.

(b) The total cost of the project is expected to be of the order of Rs. 2.5 crores.

De-luxe Trains

*592. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the air conditioned de-luxe trains are making considerable profits since their introduction; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the frequency of service of these trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The cost of haulage of particular trains is not ascertainable. It is, therefore, not possible to work out the profit or loss in running the Air-conditioned Express trains or to state that they are making considerable profits since their introduction.

(b) No.

Roads to Link Bhutan and India

*593. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Panigrahi:
Shrimati Masda Ahmed:
Shri Bhagavati:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are proposals to have two direct road links between Bhutan and India; and

(b) if so, progress made in this regard so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of two roads, viz. (1) Garubasha-Hatisar Road in Assam and (2) Jainti-Buxaduar-Sanchula Road in West Bengal connecting India with Bhutan has been just undertaken. The works are expected to be completed during the third five year plan.

मुकामा पुल से दरभंगा तक बड़ी लाइन

*५९४. श्री विद्युति मिश्र: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुकामा पुल से, जो इस समय बनाया जा रहा है, एक बड़ी लाइन दरभंगा और नरकटियागंज तक बनाई जायेगी; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह काम कब आरम्भ होगा?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बॅ० राम-स्वामी): (क) इस मुद्दा पर विचार हो रहा है।

(ख) मुवाब नहीं उठता।

Milk Powder Factory

*595. Shri Nagi Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding the establishment of milk powder factory at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the amount to be spent for the same; and

(c) the target of production at this factory?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The question of establishing a milk powder factory is under consideration of Andhra Pradesh Government. Their decision is awaited.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.