

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Ministry of Transport and Communications have accepted in principle six of the eight main recommendations made by the Hotel Committee. The recommendations pertaining to financial assistance to hoteliers and relaxation in prohibition rules are being examined in consultation with other Ministries of the Government of India, the State Governments and the representatives of the Travel Trade etc.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में सहकारी होटल

\*७६३. श्री पद्म देव : क्या खसस तथा छुट्टी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार हिमचल प्रदेश में सहकारिता के आधार पर होटल बनाने के लिये क्या प्रयत्न कर रही है ?

खसस तथा छुट्टी मंत्री ( श्री प्र० र० जी ) : दूररी नववर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत पांच सहकारी होटल होटल योजनाओं की स्थापना के लिये एक लाख रुपयों का अयोजन किया गया है। इस साल वर्ष में एक सोसाइटी का संगठन हो सकता है।

#### Eight-Wheeler Wagons

\*764. { Shri D. N. Tiwary;  
Shri Bahadur Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether eight-wheeler wagons are being constructed which will carry loads of 55 tons;

(b) if so, the number of such wagons proposed to be constructed in 1958-59;

(c) whether bigger wagons are proposed to be constructed for metre gauge lines also; and

(d) if so, the carrying capacity of these wagons?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) 1,750 such wagons have been ordered against 1958-59 Rolling Stock Programme.

(c) and (d). The matter is under consideration.

#### Ship Repairing Facilities

\*765. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 795 on the 2nd September, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to investigate into the existing ship repairing facilities in the major ports in the country has completed its enquiries in the matter; and

(b) if so, whether the report has been submitted to Government for consideration.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Committee have practically completed their enquiries and their report is expected to be received by Government very shortly.

#### Hostel for Children of Railway Employees of Southern Railway

\*766. Shri N. Keshava: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 439 on the 25th August, 1958 and state the progress since made in setting up of subsidised hostels for children of Railway Employees on the Southern Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

The location of the subsidised hostels is on a linguistic basis and the children of employees of a particular Railway can avail themselves of the linguistic hostel of their choice wherever it be located. To cater to Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil, three subsidised hostels are to be set up on the Southern Railway one each at Mysore, Olavakkot