

the Government built colonies which are situated far away from the food-grain wholesale markets; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b): There has recently been some seasonal rise in the prices of foodgrains in Delhi, but the present prices are not unusually high and are lower than the prices prevailing during this period last year. The Government are distributing imported wheat and wheat atta at fixed retail prices through fair price shops functioning in different parts of Delhi to ensure against undue rise in prices.

Ganga-Brahmaputra Board

*57. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision about converting the Ganga-Brahmaputra Board into a Statutory Board?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No, Sir.

भूकम्प सम्बन्धी वेधशाला, दिल्ली

*५८. श्री भक्त दशन : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री ३० नवम्बर, १९५९ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ४२८ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में भूकम्प सम्बन्धी वेधशाला के भवन निर्माण में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ख) उस भवन का निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा की जाती है; और

(ग) उस के निर्माण में इतनी देरी होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रसन्निक उद्भयन उपमंत्री (श्री महीउद्दीन):

(क) तहखाने और फोटोग्राफी के कमरे की तामीर पूरी हो गई है। इन्टेन्स हाल

और म्यूजियम हाल की छतों का काम हो रहा है। इमारत के तैयार गुदा हिस्से में बिजली का फिटिंग हो गया है।

(ख) इमारत के अप्रैल, १९६० के आखिर तक बन कर तैयार हो जाने की उमीद है।

(ग) देरी की वजह कुछ तो मुश्किल बनावट का काम और जगह की दूरी है जहां कुछ इमारती सामान दिल्ली कारपोरेशन की हदों के बाहर से लाना पड़ा और कुछ यह है कि तामीर के दौरान में आगे चल कर इमारत की बनावट की तफसीलों में कुछ रद्दोबदल करना जरूरी हो गया था।

All India Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital in Delhi

*59. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 79 on the 17th November, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the plans and estimates of 250-Bed Hospital sanctioned for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, have been scrutinized, examined and approved; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in the construction of the Hospital?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). The proposal to construct a 250 bed hospital referred to by the Hon'ble Member has been dropped. It is now proposed to utilize the Second Plan provision for the hospital for the construction of the frame work of the Out Patient Department Block of the hospital.

Railway Equipment

*60. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made as to the extent to which the Railways have been able to meet their requirements of equipment from indigenous sources during the Second Five Year Plan period so far;

(b) whether any proposal to launch a mobile showroom indicating the requirements of railway equipment to manufacture all over the country has been considered; and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The assessment of rolling stock and equipment purchases during the first 3 years of the 2nd Five Year Plan shows a progressive increase in the indigenous content. Although steam locomotives, boilers, coaches and underframes had to be ordered from abroad during the first year, for all these equipment we are now self-sufficient.

Imports are now confined to specialised equipment only such as A. C. electric locomotives, electrical gear for electric multiple unit stock, diesel locomotives and some other minor items. Arrangements for indigenous manufacture of these items also is being progressed.

(b) and (c). Yes. A three-coach mobile show room on wheels is now under construction which will be taken around industrial centres.

Service Cooperatives

*61. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any comprehensive Scheme for the establishment of Service Cooperatives all over the country during 1960-61; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes.

(b) The details of the programme are given in the statement laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 13].

Remodelling of Delhi Station

*62. { Shri S. A. Mehdi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 109 on the 11th February, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the remodelling of Delhi Railway Yard has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the total amount spent?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) It is nearing completion.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 32.71 lakhs on Broad Gauge and Rs. 16.39 lakhs on the Metre Gauge yard has been incurred upto January 1960.

रेलवे टिकटों पर स्टेशनों के नाम और किराये

*६३. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या रेलवे मंत्री १७ अगस्त, १९५९ के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ९६६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि रेलवे के टिकटों पर स्टेशनों के नाम और किराये अंग्रेजी, हिंदी और अन्य प्रादेशिक भाषाओं में छापने का जो प्रश्न विचाराधीन था उसके बारे में इस बीच क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : इसके बारे में अभी कोई आखिरी फैसला नहीं किया गया है।

Air Service to Jaipur and Ahmedabad

*64. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state: