

INDUSTRIAL STRIKES

*162. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Industrial Strikes recorded in the year 1952;

(b) the man days lost, the number of workers involved and the amount of losses to Industries;

(c) the names of the Industries that suffered by these strikes; and

(d) the worst affected States by such strikes?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). The total number of stoppages of work recorded during the period January to November 1952, was 891, involving 785, 886 workers and a time loss of 3,172, 991 man days. Information regarding the pecuniary loss to the industries on account of strikes is not available.

(c) The principal industries that suffered by these stoppages were Textiles, Engineering, Minerals and Metals, Food, Drink and Tobacco, Wood, Stone and Glass, Mines, Transport, Docks and Ports and Plantations.

(d) Bombay, Madras, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

NIZAM-UD-DIN—GHAZIABAD RAILWAY LINE

*163. **Giani G. S. Musafir:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to join Nizam-ud-Din Railway Station with Ghaziabad by constructing a new direct track?

(b) If so, when is its construction likely to start?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The matter is still under examination and no definite decision has been reached.

(b) Does not arise.

FARM YOUTH (TRIP TO AMERICA)

*164. **Shri Mohana Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Ministry has invited applications from farm youths for a trip to America?

(b) By whom is this trip sponsored and for what purpose?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) The programme of International Farm Youth Exchange is sponsored by

the National 4-H Club which is a non-governmental organization and is financially supported by voluntary contributions of its members, both boys and girls and some private philanthropic organisations, like the Ford Foundation.

The purpose is to acquaint Indian farm boys with American farm life by actually working on an American farm along with the American farmers' sons.

RAILWAY MAGISTRATES

*165. **Ch. Raghuraj Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are two categories of Magistrates appointed in the Railways?

(b) If so, what is the division of work between them?

(c) What amount is spent annually on the salaries and allowances of these Railway Magistrates?

(d) Is there any scheme before Government to give up the paid Railway Touring Magistrates and entrust the work to the Honorary Railway Magistrates?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Presumably, the Honourable Member is referring to Railway Magistrates appointed by State Governments to try railway cases primarily in connection with ticketless travelling. If so, the position in regard to categories of Magistrates varies on different Railways. On some Railways there are Stipendiary Magistrates and on others both Stipendiary and Honorary Magistrates.

(b) There is no hard and fast division of work between the Stipendiary Magistrates and Honorary Magistrates.

(c) This information is not readily available, as salaries and allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates are paid by State Governments who appoint them.

(d) No.

SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO WEST BENGAL

*166. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantities of wheat, rice and other foodgrains that would be made available to the Government of West Bengal by the Government of India during the current year under the arrangements agreed to by the Minister with the West Bengal Government?