

state whether the Passenger Amenities Committee on the Northern Railway has considered the proposal for the construction of open sheds for passengers at Jawalamukhi Road and Kangra Railway Stations?

(b) If so, do Government propose to construct these sheds?

(c) When are these sheds expected to be constructed?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet.

(b) and (c). Action will be taken after the Passenger Amenities Committee makes its recommendations on the proposal.

#### RAILWAY SIDINGS

**\*703. Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parties were refused construction of sidings at Badampahar and Kuldiha at their own cost for the reason of weighing difficulties;

(b) whether any weighing arrangements for iron ore have since been made at Badampahar and Kuldiha;

(c) if so, when this arrangement was made; and

(d) if not, how wagons are booked without weighing?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Wagons are now booked on the basis of the normal carrying capacity plus two tons, over-loading being checked by measuring the cubical contents of the ore loaded in wagons.

#### OIL SEEDS

**\*704. Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of research schemes undertaken by Government to increase the production of oil seeds in India?

(b) What steps have been taken to multiply and distribute seeds to growers in the different States?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Twenty-nine research schemes, which are ultimately expected to lead to increased production of oilseeds have been undertaken by the State Governments with financial assistance from the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee.

(b) The Department of Agriculture in each State is responsible for multiplying improved varieties of oilseeds evolved for the State and for distributing them to growers. Schemes for this purpose are in operation in the States of Madras, Bombay, Punjab, Hyderabad and Saurashtra with financial assistance from the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee.

#### KANGANI SYSTEM OF LABOUR RECRUITMENT

**\*705. Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 813 asked on the 18th December, 1952 regarding Kangani System of Labour Recruitment and state whether the Central Government have received any report from the Madras Government regarding the progress made in the matter?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** Yes; a report on the working of the measures suggested to State Governments for checking the evils of the 'Kangani System' has been received recently from the Government of Madras. According to this report, the planters have implemented all measures except the one relating to formation of co-operative credit societies and co-operative stores and as a result a number of evils associated with the System has been eliminated.

#### CONTROL OF LOCUST SWARMS

**\*706. Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether our aircrafts have been used successfully for controlling the menace of locust swarms that prevails in certain parts of the country?