

been taken on some of the recommendations; others are under consideration of Government and it is expected that final orders would be passed in about a month's time.

#### SENIORITY LISTS OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

\*56. Shri B. Y. Reddi: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the finalisation of the combined seniority lists of the various categories of staff on the re-grouped Railways has since been concluded?

(b) If not, what are the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The question which is a very complicated one has almost been finalised after the necessary consultation with Railway labour has been made.

सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों की बतनोन्नति

\*५८. श्री आर० एन० सिंह: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या सब रेलवे प्रशासनों ने अभी तक सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों की बतनोन्नति (प्र प्रॉडिंग) के सम्बन्ध में रेलवे बोर्ड की हिदायतों को क्रियान्वित नहीं किया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्यों ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes, except for 15 posts on the O.T. Section of the North-Eastern Railway. The allotment of these 15 posts which are intended for some important stations has yet to be finalised.

#### AID FOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES

\*59. Shri Bahadki: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state: —

(a) the amount given as aid for irrigation schemes to Parts 'A', 'B' and 'C' States in the years 1950-51 and

1952-53 from the Central Government; and

(b) how far this aid has increased the agricultural production in all the States?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A statement showing the expenditure sanctioned for minor irrigation schemes in Parts A, B and C States from 1949-50 to 1953-54 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15.]

(b) A statement showing the estimated additional production achieved from these schemes, during the year 1949-50 to 1951-52 and the targets for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54, is also placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15.]

#### POSTAL PARCELS TO LUSHAI HILLS IN ASSAM

\*71. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal parcels to Lungleh and Aijal in Lushai Hills, Assam had been stopped from November, 1952;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when was it resumed?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The booking of parcels for Lungleh and Demagiri in Lushai Hills was stopped from 3rd November, 1952 to 30th April, 1953 and again from 13th June, 1953 to 27th August, 1953. The booking of parcels for Aijal was not suspended.

(b) The necessity for imposing a ban on booking of parcels arose on account of the difficulty in the carriage of mails.

(c) The booking has already been resumed from 28th August 1953.

#### CHEAP FOODGRAIN SHOPS IN MANIPUR

\*72. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cheap grain shops opened in both the hills and plains of