

(b) Yes.

(c) The results have been published in six technological bulletins issued by the Laboratory. These bulletins will be placed in the Library of the House.

(d) Considerable amount of research work has been done and large numbers of samples have been tested. The results of these have been published in the form of a bulletin, Series B. No. 48 entitled 'Staple Length of Cotton'. This information is, therefore, available for establishing staple length standards for short staple Indian cottons. A copy of this bulletin will also be placed in the Library of the House.

(e) To save time and to avoid accumulation of samples at the Laboratory, facilities have been provided by the Indian Central Cotton Committee for carrying out preliminary tests at the important breeding centres in the various cotton growing States. In 1952, as a temporary measure, a second shift was run to clear the large arrears that had accumulated at the Laboratory. Further, efforts are being made to expand and modernise the equipment of the Laboratory in order to cope with the increasing number of samples sent by the Breeders.

#### MISAPPROPRIATION IN WESTERN RAILWAY

\*2471. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of misappropriation of Government money have been recently brought to the notice of the Western Railway administration regarding the signal equipments on Kandla-Deesa Section;

(b) whether all the stations on this Section have been equipped with signalling instruments; and

(c) if not, how many lack this arrangement and the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). The Token Instruments have not been put in yet. At 24 out of the 31 stations line clear is obtained through Telegraph instruments at present. The other 7 stations are flag stations where such instruments are not provided.

#### JANATA EXPRESS

\*2475. **Shri Damar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for abolishing "Janata Express" between Delhi and Bombay on the Western Zone; and

(b) whether Government propose to resume this service?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Due to lack of sufficient traffic.

(b) Yes, if and when there is sufficient traffic justification.

#### ग्राम पथ सहकारी योजना

५४७. **श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) ग्राम पथ सहकारी विकास योजना के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों को कितनी कितनी धनराशि वितरित की गई ; और

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश में ३१ मार्च, १९५४ तक योजना पर कितना व्यय हुआ ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 3.]

(b) Particulars of seven schemes, estimated to cost in all Rs. 293,450/-, one-third of which is to be met from the grant offered to the State Government, were furnished in accordance with the prescribed procedure by the Uttar Pradesh Government on 25th February 1954. Approval to these schemes was conveyed on the 12th March 1954. No expenditure against the grant has so far been reported by the State Government.