

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

DIESEL RAIL CARS

*1088. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Sardar Hukam Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce diesel rail cars on some metre gauge sections of the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, when such cars are likely to be introduced; and

(c) on which sections?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) By about December, 1955.

(c) It is proposed to introduce the Diesel Rail Cars on the following Sections:—

- (i) Rewari-Delhi.
- (ii) Rewari-Hissar.
- (iii) Rewari-Sadulpur.
- (iv) Jodhpur-Marwar Pali-Marwar Jn.
- (v) Jodhpur-Bilara.
- (vi) Merta City-Nagaur.

KODAIKANAL OBSERVATORY

*1089. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main items of Visual and Photographic observations in Astronomy and Astro Physics made at the Kodaikanal observatory during 1953; and

(b) what is the progress made in the investigations in Solar Physics?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Two statements giving the required information are laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 56.]

MOKAMEH GHAT FERRY

*1090. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transshipment capacity of Mokameh Ghat Ferry has considerably decreased in the recent years i.e. since 1947;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the transshipment of coal, iron and cement has been curtailed by over 50 per cent.; and

(c) whether Government are considering proposals to divert Railway coal to some other *vias* and allow transshipment of coal, cement etc. for public use instead?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No; on the other hand it has considerably increased.

(b) No.

(c) Steps have already been taken to release further capacity *via* Mokameh route for movement of public traffic including coal and cement, diverting movement of some railway coal *via* Manduadib and *via* Sakrigali-Manihari.

IMPORTED SUGAR

*1091. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend profits made out of the imported sugar on the development of sugarcane;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed scheme; and

(c) by what time the work is likely to start?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c). No decision has so far been taken with regard to the disposal of profits which may accrue on imported sugar. Sugarcane development scheme are, however, being financed from a separate fund *viz.* the Temporary Sugar Excise Fund.