The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L, B. Shastri): (a) The reply is in the negative.

Written Answers

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

RAILWAY WORKSHOP AT JAGADHRI

*2000. Shri Kazmi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are constructing a workshop at Jagadhri for Railways:
- (b) whether the said workshop is for the construction of new carriages or for repairs; and
- (c) whether it is only for the broad gauge, or for metre gauge and narrow gauge as well?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a)

- (b) For repairs to Coaching and Goods Stock.
 - (c) For Broad Gauge only.

DELHI-SAHARANPUR RAILWAY LINE

*2001. Shri Kazmi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to construct a double line between Delhi and Saharanpur; and
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the conclusions of Government in that regard?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L, B. Shastri): (a) and (b). There is double line already between Delhi and Ghaziabad. The section between Ghaziabad and Saharanpur is single line, but as it has spare capacity, the need for doubling it has not been felt.

AERODROMES IN SOUTH INDIA

*2002. Shri Achuthan: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) how many aerodromes are going to be constructed in South India in 1952-53 for air service expansion;
- (b) whether Kozhicode (Calicut) has been included in the scheme; and
- (c) if not, can Kozhicode expect an aerodrome in the coming 3 years?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) One, namely the aerodrome which is being constructed at Mangalore and

which is expected to be ready for use by the end of this year.

- (b) No.
- (c) It is regretted that no indication can be given at present.

FOOD SITUATION IN MADRAS

- *2003. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have been keeping in touch with the latest developments in the food situation in the Madras State after the decontrol;
- (b) whether food prices in that State have shown a recent tendency to rise and if so, what have been the rates of increase?
- (c) whether lowering of food prices is taking place in the surplus districts of the various towns of the State; and
- (d) whether the Government of India is revising its policy of decontrol in the light of recent experience in the Madras State?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a). Yes.

- (b) and (c). Prices are fluctuating, rising in some places and falling in others.
- (d) The question does not arise. The Government's policy continues to be one of control although in the case of some States certain relaxations have been allowed.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF HEALTH

*2004. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for establishment of a Central Council of Health with a view to coordinate and develop measures for the improvement of public health in India; and
- (b) if so, the progress made in the direction of implementation of the proposal?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter has been under active consideration and orders are expected to be issued shortly.

BARWADIAH-CHIRMIRI RAILWAY PROJECT

- *2005. Sardar A. S. Saigal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to reply given to part (c) of my starred question No. 261 asked on the 28th May, 1952 and state:
- (a) how much amount has been spent for the earth work for Barwadiak