

(c) whether the State Government have made any representation in the matter ; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) The Government of Madras have included in their draft Second Five Year Plan a scheme for the development of the Port of Tuticorin into a 20 ft. deep harbour.

(b) and (c). The Government of India are informed that the manner of financing the scheme is under consideration by the State Government.

(d) The inclusion of the project in the Second Five Year Plan is under consideration by the Planning Commission.

Wagons Supply

***844. Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the total daily quota of wagons allotted to Nagpur Division for the transportation of bidi leaves to other States ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations for an increase in the quota as the present quota is totally insufficient to cope with the demand ; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) A quota of three wagons per day for traffic in bidi leaves originating on the Nagpur Division of the Central Railways to any destination is at present in force.

(b) Yes.

(c) The commodity quota for movement of bidi leaves from Nagpur Division was increased from two to three wagons per day from July, 1955 onwards. In addition, *ad hoc* assistance is also given whenever possible with due regard to the overall requirements to be met.

Floods

***845. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases in different States where railway lines have been washed away due to floods in 1955 so far ;

(b) the number of cases where line, have not yet been restored ; and

(c) whether there is any case where the railway tracks have been washed away completely ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) At 48 places on the Northern and 15 places on the North-Eastern Railways. State wise information is not available.

(b) At 4 places on the Northern and 4 on the North-Eastern Railways.

(c) No.

Military Cars

***846. Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of Military cars during 1953-54 ; and

(b) the amount recovered from the Defence Organisation for the use of these cars during the same period ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Not available as no separate account is kept.

(b) Rs. 3.24 lakhs approximately as 'on account' payment for interest, depreciation and maintenance. The accounts have however not been finalised.

स्वास्थ्य योजनायें

***८४७. श्री कृष्णाचार्य जोशी :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं के विकास के लिये निर्धारित निधियों में से आज तक कुल कितनी राशि व्यय हुई ; और

(ख) सम्पूर्ण निधि का उपयोग न करने के क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती चन्द्रशेखर) :

(क) इस बारे में जितनी जानकारी सितम्बर १९५४ तक प्राप्त थी, वह योजना कमीशन द्वारा प्रकाशित पंचवर्षीय योजना की अप्रैल-सितम्बर, १९५४ की प्रोग्रेस रिपोर्ट में दी हुई है ।