

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** (a) and (b) No; not on all trains and on all days. But since February 1955, such checks are being conducted on each section separately during selected periods, so as to cover, ultimately, all sections, one after the other.

#### International Farm Youth Exchange Programme

\*321. { **Shri N. Rachiah :**  
**Shri Radha Raman :**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that another batch of Indian farm boys and girls is to be sent to U.S.A., in April 1956 under the International Farm Youth Exchange Programme;

(b) if so, the number of boys and girls in the batch;

(c) the State from which they have been selected; and

(d) the duration of their stay in U.S.A.

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** (a) Yes.

(b) 23 boys and 14 girls.

(c) Does not arise as the selection has not yet been made.

(d) Six months.

#### Flood Damage to Railways

\*325. **Shri G. L. Chaudhary :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage caused to Railways due to recent floods in U.P.; and

(b) the number of daily train services suspended during the floods?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport. (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) :** (a) Due to floods in the U.P., the following sections were affected and some damage caused to Railway property;

#### Northern Railway

(i) Fyzabad-Moghalsarai

(ii) Allahabad-Fyzabad

(iii) Sultanpur-Lucknow

(iv) Sultanpur-Jaunpur.

#### North-Eastern Railway

(i) Aunrihar-Bhatni

(ii) Gorakhpur-Gonda

(iii) Bareilly-Kathgodam

(iv) Budwa-Chandanchowki

(v) Gorakhpur-Chittauni Ghat.

Detailed information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) 30.

#### National Highways

\*326. **Shri N. M. Lingam :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria observed for according priorities in the execution of National Highway Works; and

(b) whether there is any scheme of priorities for works in each State?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) :** (a) The following order of priorities is generally observed in the preparation of the National Highway programme;

(1) Construction of bridges at unbridged crossings and construction of missing road links in the existing National Highways.

(2) Reconstruction or strengthening of bridges which have become unsafe.

(3) Improvement of sections which are uneconomical to maintain or dangerous to traffic.

(b) No, sir.

#### Training Centres for Malis

\*331. **Shri K. P. Sinha :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up training centres for malis in the Second Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, the estimated amount of expenditure over these Centres, both recurring and non-recurring?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) :** (a) It is proposed to establish four training centres for malis. Although these centres will be sponsored by the Central Government, they will be under the administrative control of the State Governments.

(b) Rs. 9,00,000 for five years.

#### Dock Workers Enquiry Committee

\*337. **Shri Raghunath Singh :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Enquiry Committee?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) :** The recommendations are under examination.