

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 44.]

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

SUGAR FACTORIES

***2119. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the total number of sugar factories in India which were lying idle during the crushing season 1955-56?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): Out of 147 sugar factories registered under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, only 4 factories did not work during 1955-56 season, mainly due to their plants being of uneconomic size or worn-out or non-availability of adequate quantities of cane. There are 13 unregistered sugar factories which are also lying idle for similar reasons.

INDIA-POLAND SHIPPING AGREEMENT

***2120.** { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to enter into an agreement with Poland for a direct shipping service between India and Poland; and

(b) if so, when the agreement is likely to be arrived at?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) An agreement is likely to be signed shortly.

DOUBLING OF RAILWAY TRACK IN ASSAM

***2121. Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state whether the Government of

Assam made any request for increasing the line capacity of the Assam link by either doubling the track or replacing it by the broad gauge from Maniharighat to Amingaon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No such proposal has been received from the Assam Government.

TOURISM

***2122. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the important places of tourist interest in the State of West Bengal and state whether there is any scheme to develop tourism in that State?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): A statement giving the names of some of the important places of tourist interest in the State of West Bengal is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 45.] Schemes for the development of tourism in West Bengal along with those in other States are being considered as part of the Second Five-Year Plan for the development of tourism, the details of which are being finalised.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

***2123. Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to parts (e) and (f) of Unstarred Question No. 1263 on the 20th April, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected; and

(b) if so, whether, and when, it will be laid on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The information was laid yesterday on the Table of the Lok Sabha by the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.