

force was used for this purpose. Some damage to railway property was caused, but the cost thereof has not yet been assessed.

**Hassan Mangalore Railway Line**

\*2131. **Shri Siddananjappa:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether final reports relating to all the phases of Survey relating to Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line have been received; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision thereon?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Revision of pay-scales of Railway Employees**

\*2132. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay scales of several categories of railway employees are going to be raised with retrospective effect from the 1st of August, 1956; and

(b) if so, what are those categories?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**

(a) and (b). The scale of pay of Rs. 55-130 applicable to the following categories has already been revised to Rs. 60-130 from 1-8-1956:—

1. Office Clerks.
2. Typists.
3. Accounts Clerks Class II.
4. Ticket Collectors.
5. Stores Distributors or Store Van Clerks or Store Delivery Clerks.
6. Dispensers and Compounders.
7. Trains Clerks.
8. Skilled Artisans,
9. Other categories of clerical, non-clerical and artisan personnel.

**Damage to Crops in West Bengal**

\*2133. { **Shri K. K. Basu:**  
**Shri Pannooze:**  
**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:**

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

(a) whether there has been large scale damage to crops in the Sundar bans areas of West Bengal during the last three weeks due to inflow of saline water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the total damage done to crops and men and the number of human lives lost and properties; and

(d) what measures have been taken for relief and protection from further damage?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Crops in 17,300 acres of land are reported to have been so damaged.

(b) Breaches in the earthen embankments caused by abnormal tidal bore and consequent inundation of fields by saline water.

(c) No precise assessment of damage caused to crops and properties is available. No loss of human life has so far been reported.

(d) Loans and grants of over Rs. 35 lakhs has been sanctioned. Clothes, blankets and 13,000 maunds of paddy have also been distributed as gratuitous relief. 412 out of 445 breaches have been closed and weak points in embankments are being strengthened. Water in about 3/4th of the inundated areas has been drained out.

**श्रीद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र, दिल्ली**

\*२१३४. { श्री दिगम्बर सिंह :  
श्री भोलाभाई :  
श्री बु० रा० वर्मा :  
डा० ज्ञानेश्वर शर्मा :

क्या खन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या दिल्ली में भारत सरकार द्वारा चलाये जाने वाले श्रीद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र व श्रीद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्था को राज्य सरकार के सुपुर्द किया जा रहा है ?

खन उपमंत्री (श्री आबिद अली) : इस बारे में राज्य सरकार से बातचीत चल रही है ।

**Integral Coach Factory, Perambur**

\*2135. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri Madiah Gowda:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps that are being taken by Government to implement the following recommendations of the Estimates Committee contained in their Thirty-