

(c) the steps taken to implement these?

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

(b) A copy of the main recommendations of the seminar of the Principals of Extension Training Centres and Basic Agricultural Schools held in Simla is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 37].

(c) The proceedings of the conference are being circulated to State Governments for necessary action. Further action will be taken on receipt of replies from the State Governments.

Railway Crossings

*1438. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Bombay State Road Transportation Corporation suggested the adoption of the Japanese practice in India to avoid collision between vehicles and trains at unmanned Railway crossings;

(b) the details of system adopted in Japan which will prevent collisions at such crossings; and

(c) whether Government have considered the same and whether it can be adopted?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, in a Press Note.

(b) In Japan, the practice is reported to be that whenever a public vehicle approaches an unmanned railway crossing, the vehicle stops, the conductor gets down and sees the railway track on both sides and makes sure that the way is clear. He then gives a signal to the vehicle to cross the railway track.

(c) This will be brought to the notice of the State Governments.

P. & T. Directorate, Orissa

*1439. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1873 on 2nd May, 1956 regarding raising the status of the Orissa Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs and state:

(a) whether representations received in this behalf have since been considered; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) No justification was found to upgrade Orissa Circle.

Bezwada-Nellore Track

*1440. **Shri Chattopadhyaya:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made up to the end of July, 1956 in the matter of doubling the railway track of 25 miles between Bezwada and Nellore Section of Southern Railway;

(b) whether Government propose to accelerate the pace of work; and

(c) when the work is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Doubling between Chirala and Vetapalem (5 miles) was completed and opened to traffic on 4-6-56 while the work between Chirala and Stuartpuram (5½ miles) is nearing completion.

(b) The work is going on at as quick a pace as possible.

(c) The work is being taken up in stages and about 40 miles of doubling will have been taken in hand in 1956-57. It is too early to say when doubling of Bezwada-Nellore Section will be completed.

Manipur State Transport

*1441. **Shri Rishang Keishlag:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the drivers and the conductors of the Manipur State Transport who have been killed or injured as a result of the attack on them by the hostile Nagas so far;

(b) the help or relief rendered to the members of the families in case of deaths and to the injured persons for their treatment; and

(c) whether any arrangement for armed escort of the civilian trucks and buses has been made when the traffic will be resumed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). No driver or conductor of the Manipur State Transport has been killed. One conductor who was injured was given free medical treatment at the Government Hospital at Imphal.

(c) Vehicles are now plying on the Imphal-Dimapur Road in convoys under Armed Military Escort.