

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) to (c). No recruitment is made by Southern Railway Headquarters office for Class I and II posts. Hence no applications were received by them. As regards class III and IV posts the information is as under:—

	Class III		Class IV	
	S.C.	S.T.	S.C.	S.T.
No. of applications received	319	14	142	
No. called for interview	140	9	29	
No. selected	40	4	10	
No. appointed	23	2	5	
No. kept on panel	2

Year	Grant Rs.	Loan Rs.	Total Rs.
1956-57
1957-58	41,000	1,00,000	1,41,000
1958-59	62,000	2,10,000	2,72,000
1959-60	73,000	2,00,000	2,73,000
1960-61	66,000	2,00,000	2,66,000
TOTAL	2,42,000	7,10,000	9,52,000

(b) Scheme for the development of fruit production.

Drinking Water Facilities on Bharmar Railway Station

2476. **Shri P. C. Boroah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of drinking water for passengers at the Bharmar Railway Station Kangra Valley section, especially at the time of weekly "Nag Melas" (Shivasthan), during July-August every year;

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken to provide this essential amenity at that station;

(c) whether the proposal for construction of a tube-well has been given up; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Development of Horticulture in Madras

2474. **Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given to the Madras Government during the Second Five Year Plan period for the development of horticulture (year-wise); and

(b) the names of the schemes for which the grants were given?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The provision in the Second Five Year Plan for the development of horticulture in Madras State year-wise was as under:—

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir. Adequate quantity of water is supplied through travelling water tanks.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) Attempts to obtain local source of supply from open well and hand operated shallow tube well have not been successful due to lack of water bearing strata.

Tidal Power Generation

2477. { **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Y. N. Singha:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts has been

made to generate power by turbine which will work on tide; and

(b) whether it is proposed to depute scientists to U.S.S.R. to study the building up of a tidal power station?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

A.H. Medical College Kottayam (Kerala)

2478. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the A. H. Medical college of Sachivothamapuram of Kottayam (Kerala State) has been securing grants from the Central Government;

(b) if so, how much grant was given in 1959-60 and 1960-61;

(c) whether any grant was given for research in 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(d) if so, the progress of research during these two years with details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A sum of Rs. 2,20,000 was given during 1959-60 and Rs. 2,50,000 during 1961-62 for establishing a Homoeopathic Medical College and Rs. 30,000/- in March, 1962 for conducting research.

(d) It is too early to expect any definite results.

Development of Agriculture in Himachal Pradesh

2479. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement between Governments of India and West

Germany has been entered into for development of Agriculture in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the Agreement is laid on the Table [Placed in Library. See No. LT-169/62].

Himmatnagar-Udaipur Line

2480. **Shri Man Singh Patel:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Himmatnagar-Udaipur Line of Western Railway which was under construction;

(b) how much amount has been spent against the provision made in 1961-62;

(c) what amount is provided for the same in the current year; and

(d) when this work is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) The over-all progress upto end of April, 1962, is 22 p.c.

(b) The whole of the amount viz., Rs. 2,09,42,000/- provided in the Budget for the year 1961-62 was spent.

(c) Rs. 3,50,00,000/-.

(d) The line is expected to be opened to traffic by 31st March, 1964.

Double Track from Mehsana to Palanpur

2481. **Shri Man Singh Patel:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey work for the double track from Mehsana to Palanpur on Western Railway has been completed; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?