

(a) whether it is a fact that the large number of Stations on North East Frontier Railway are not provided with covering over the platforms;

(b) if so, the total number of platforms which are not provided with covering over platforms; and

(c) what amount if any has been earmarked for this purpose for the current year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) A large number of Stations on North East Frontier Railway and also on other Railways are not yet provided with covering over the platforms due to funds and resources being limited.

(b) 357 stations.

(c) Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

Postal Services

351. { Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Rawandale:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri J. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many villages were covered by postal services in Maharashtra by the end of Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): 35,302.

Marketing of Agriculture Produce

352. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the names of various statutes enacted by Central and State Governments for the regulation of marketing of agriculture produce; and

(b) how far these statutes have been helpful in regulating marketing?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A statement furnishing the requisite information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 45].

Ticketless Travelling

353. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of ticketless travellers caught and the amount recovered from them during 1961-62; and

(b) the cost involved in this collection during the same period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) About 8 millions and Rs. 2.03 crores respectively.

(b) Rs. 2.83 crores (approximately) inclusive of stationary ticket collectors at stations.

Import of Railway Equipment

354. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the quantity and value of imports year-wise for 1959, 1960 and 1961 in respect of:

(a) steel rails (BG., MG., or others),

(b) steel sleeper material,

(c) wooden sleepers,

(d) steam locomotives (BG., MG., or others)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 46].

खाद्यान्न में आत्मनिर्भरता ।

३५५. श्री बाल्मोकी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कौन कौन से खाद्यान्न ऐसे ह जिन में आत्मनिर्भरता देश को प्राप्त हो गई है;