

earning from Tourism are estimated by the Reserve Bank of India annually for calendar years. For the year 1961, the Reserve Bank of India have provisionally assessed the earning at Rs. 18.49 crores. The earnings for the remaining period of the Third Plan Period will be assessed at the end of each calendar year and it is premature to make a forecast about the future earnings at this stage.

#### Extension Directorate

613. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

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

(a) when the Extension Directorate was created under his Ministry;

(b) what are its functions;

(c) before it was created as a separate Directorate who was carrying out these functions; and

(d) the reasons to have a separate Directorate?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 67].

#### Occupation of Jote Land

614. **Shri Biren Dutta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether some jote land has been occupied by the Forest B.O.P. and Tahsil Department of Tripura Administration at Kalamchura of Belonia Sub-Division of Tripura;

(b) whether any compensation has been given to the jote-dar;

(c) for how many years this jote land is under occupation of those departments without making any formal acquisition; and

(d) the reasons for such unauthorised occupation?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes, at Mouja Kalamcherra of Sonamura Sub-Division, and not Belonia Sub-Division.

(b) No.

(c) About ten years.

(d) The land being tilla land inside Reserve Forest was selected for establishment of a Forest Beat Office. No one claimed this land till 30th April 1962. On receipt of a claim from a party on 30th April, 1962, the Administration initiated acquisition proceedings in this regard. Necessary compensation will be paid to the party concerned on finalisation of acquisition proceedings.

#### Mukerian-Talwara Railway Line

615. { Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2016 on the 25th May, 1962 and state the progress so far made in finalising the survey and construction of a Railway line linking Mukerian with Talwara for Pong Dam?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Survey work has already been completed. Acceptance of the Punjab Government to the estimated cost of this project is still awaited. Construction of the line cannot be commenced till this acceptance has been received.

#### Requirement of Industrial Wood

616. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Y. N. Singha:  
Shri P. K. Ghosh:

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

(a) what will be the country's estimated requirement of industrial wood by 1975;

(b) what will be the estimated yield by 1975; and

(c) what are the plans, if any, to meet this deficit of industrial wood requirement of the country?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b), According to the figures given by an FAO expert in 1960, the estimated requirements of industrial wood in India by 1975 would be of the order of 9.5 million tons. Against this, the estimated production would be of the order of 5.2 million tons.

(c) The deficit will be met as far as possible by undertaking expanded plantation programmes under the National Development plans. During the Third Plan period, about seven lakh acres are expected to be brought under economic plantations in the normal State Forestry programmes. Besides this, a special programme for plantations of fast-growing species spread over a period of 15 years, has been taken up. Under this programme, it is expected to cover 1,37,500 acres during the Third Plan period as a centrally sponsored measure.

**Conversion of Parasia to Nagpur N.G. Line to B.G.**

**617. Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the narrow gauge railway track from Parasia to Nagpur to broad gauge;

(b) if so, when the conversion will be taken up and when it will be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost of this project?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Postal Stamps**

**618. Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether stamps are licked in this country for pasting;

(b) whether Government are aware that licking stamps in France, specially the 100 Franc Stamps are flavoured with mint, lemon and vanilla in the mucilages; and

(c) whether similar experiments are proposed in the Indian stamps?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes, by some people but often they are moistened with a damper or sponge.

(b) Some reports have appeared in the Press about the use of flavoured gum on postage stamps in France.

(c) The facts are being ascertained and the matter will be examined further in due course.

**Armed Guards on Passenger Trains**

**619. Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether armed guards have been provided in the passenger trains running between Kanpur and Jhansi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**मालगाड़ी द्वारा व्यापार**

६२०. श्री योगेश्वर झा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि व्यापारी मालगाड़ी के जरिये गलत और जाली नामों से व्यापार करते हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार को कुछ विशेष स्टेशनों के बारे में सूचित किया जा चुका है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मामले की जांच की गई है ?