

(b) if so, on which Railway this service is going to be introduced first and when?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes; there is a proposal to experiment with such a service on the Indian Railways.

(b) The service will be introduced on the Northern Railway and it is expected to commence some time early next year.

MYSORE RAILWAY WORKSHOP

72. **Shri Keshavaiengar:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many railway coaches are being produced in the Mysore Railway Workshop every year?

(b) How many wagons and locomotive?

(c) How many of these coaches wagons and locomotives are repaired and overhauled every month?

(d) What is the cash value of the work done in the workshop every month and what is the wage bill paid every month?

(e) What is the quantity of timber indented and received from the Government of Mysore or from any other Government?

(f) What is the average period of life of a wooden coach?

(g) How many coaches of (i) wood; and (ii) of steel are now in use in the erstwhile Mysore Railways section?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) 24 (in terms of 4-wheeled units).

(b) Nil.

(c) Locomotives.—

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| Periodical overhaul | 3 per month |
| Intermediate overhaul | 3 per month |
| Special repairs | 3 to 5—do— |

Carriage:—

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| Periodical overhaul | 56 to 60 in terms of 4-wheelers per month. |
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| Other repairs, | 10 to 12 per month |
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Wagons.—

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| Periodical overhaul | 75 to 80—do— |
| Other repairs | 10 to 12—do— |

(d) Cash value of work done in the workshop. Rs. 420,000 per month.
Wage bill paid Rs. 184,000 per month.

(e) The position in 1951-52 was as under:—

Quantity of timber indented on Mysore Government. 254 tons.

Quantity of timber received. 232 tons.

Quantity of timber indented on other Governments. 62 tons.

Quantity of timber received. 40 tons.

(f) 30 years.

(g) (i) Wooden 337 Nos.
(ii) Steel Nil.

GOMTI BRIDGE

73. **Shri E. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maintenance etc., of Gomti bridge on the National Highway between Banaras and Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh is the concern of the P.W.D. engineer at Banaras;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by the Central Government on its maintenance every year; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above is in the negative, the authority responsible for its maintenance?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (c). There is a fair weather pontoon bridge over the river Gomti on Banaras Ghazipur road, which is a National Highway. The Centre pays for the maintenance of the bridge, which is under the executive charge of the Executive Engineer Banaras Provincial Division.

(b) About Rs. 20,000 per year for maintaining the ferry in monsoon and the pontoon bridge in fair weather at this site.

FISHERIES

74. **Shri Achuthan:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any data is available to assess the percentage of increase in fish production during the years of 1950-51 and 1951-52 and if so, what is the percentage of increase?

(b) What are the special steps taken to improve the deep-sea fishing in India and what are the latest appliances being made use of?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) No data are available to assess the percentage of increase in fish production during the