

तथा व्यापारियों की ओर से वहाँ के रेलवे स्टेशन के विस्तार के सम्बन्ध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ?

(ख) यदि प्राप्त हुये हैं तो क्या सरकार इस प्रस्थापान पर विचार कर रही है ? तथा

(ग) विस्तार का कार्य कब तक पूर्ण होने की सम्भावना है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal for the conversion of Raila Road flag station into a regular station for goods booking was investigated in April 1952 on receipt of a representation from the Rajasthan Government but was not found justified. As a result of fresh representations received since then, the matter is being re-examined.

(c) This cannot be assessed at present.

PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS

1228. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantities of paddy, rice and wheat so far procured in India since January, 1953?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Procurement of rice and of paddy in terms of rice amounted to 9.12 lakh tons and of wheat to 28.0 thousand tons from 1st January 1953 to 4th April 1953 the latest date for which information is available.

ANTI-T.B. DRUG

1229. Shri V. P. Nayar: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 186 asked on the 11th November, 1952 re Anti-T.B. Drug and state whether Government propose to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing:—

- (i) the names of the persons or manufacturing firms who have applied for aid, in the manufacture of Iso-Nicotinic Acid Hydrozide and other Hydrozine derivatives;
- (ii) the date of the application; and
- (iii) the extent of aid given; to such manufacturers so far?

(b) Are Government in a position to give the results of using the above drugs, distributed by Government for clinical trials, to Hospitals, Sanatoria, etc.?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 35.]

(b) 2,64,830 tablets of the new drug were supplied to 28 Tuberculosis Sanatoria and Hospitals and one Research Institute and tried on 980 patients. 21 institutions have so far forwarded their reports of trial on the drug. The reports indicate that though the new drug cannot be considered a complete cure, it is a useful drug in the treatment of Tuberculosis. It is best used as an adjunct to other accepted methods of treatment such as rest, treatment with Streptomycin, treatment with Para-Amino Salicylic Acid, Collapse therapy etc.

DRESS AND FOOTWEAR FOR GANGMEN

1230. Shri Nambar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway gangmen working on open lines on permanent ways are provided with dress and footwear; and

(b) whether Government have received any representation on their behalf and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Woollen evercoat or blanket is supplied to gangmen on the Eastern, Central, Western Railways and certain sections on the Northern and North-Eastern Railways. Certain waterproof covering is also issued in certain areas where there are heavy rains. But no footwear is provided on any Railway.

(b) Representations have been received on the Northern and North Eastern Railways and these are under examination. A request received on the ex-N. S. Railway for supply of boots to gangmen has been turned down.

CONFERENCE OF ALL INDIA LEPROSY WORKERS

1231. Shri Sanganna: (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether a Conference of the All-India Leprosy Workers was held at Puri (Orissa) from the 4th to 6th January, 1953?

(b) What are the deliberations of the Conference?