

## RAILWAY ZONAL TICKETS

47. **Shri Heda:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what extra arrangements, by way of running special trains and attaching extra bogies, were made during the period of issue of the zonal tickets?

(b) What were the places where the traffic was generally jammed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) To the extent the resources permitted and the traffic justified, 69 extra trains were run and extra coaches were provided on 1934 regular trains scheduled in the time table.

(b) Only on the following sections of the Central Railway the rush of passenger traffic on some days exceeded what could be catered for and consequently restrictions in booking had to be resorted to.

- (i) Jubbulpore-Allahabad.
- (ii) Itarsi-Balharshah.
- (iii) Bhusawal-Igatpuri.
- (iv) Agra Cantt. to Raja-ki-mandi.

## TELEPHONE GIRL OPERATORS IN CALCUTTA

48. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of telephone girl operators in Calcutta?

(b) How many of them are permanent and how many are temporary?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 1127.

(b) 239 Operators are permanent 888 are temporary.

## FREIGHT CHARGES OF WHEAT IMPORTED FROM U.S.A.

49. **Shri Nanadas:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what were the total freight charges and the loading and unloading expenses charged by the U.S.A. for 19 lakh tons of wheat imported by India in 1951?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** Actual quantity of wheat imported from U.S.A. during 1951 was 18.35 lakh tons. The terms of delivery were F. O. B. ex-*port* of loading. The expenditure of freight and unloading charges on this wheat beyond the point of delivery in U.S.A. was incurred directly by the Government of India and amounted to Rs. 1841.6 lakhs.

## HEALTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

50. **Shri Punnoose:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) which States have not fully utilised the Central grants for Health Development schemes during the year 1952-53;

(b) the amount that has lapsed, scheme-wise, with each State on this account; and

(c) the reasons why the grants were not fully utilised?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No such grants were made during 1952-53.

(b) and (c). D<sub>0</sub> not arise.

## TUBE-WELLS PROJECT IN NORTH GUJRA

51. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how much amount has been advanced by Government to the Bombay State Government out of the two crores of Rupees loan for tube-wells project in North Gujrat up to 30th May, 1953?

(b) What is the number of tube-wells constructed up to 30th May, 1953?

(c) How many of them have been bored?

(d) How many of them have proved successful?

(e) had the contract been renewed by the Bombay State Government with the same firm?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Rs. 40 lakhs