

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ROADS FOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS

***39. Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to improve existing roads and to build new ones to serve primarily the industrial areas has been prepared by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount allocated for this Scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). There is no scheme of road development designed primarily to serve the industrial areas. A provision of Rs. 10 crores has, however, been made recently under the Five Year Plan for distribution to States as grants for the development of the following categories of State roads:—

- (i) inter-State roads necessary for ensuring 'through' communications;
- (ii) roads required for opening up new areas to which railway facilities cannot be provided in the near future; and
- (iii) roads which can contribute materially to rapid economic development.

RAILWAY PORTERS' UNIFORMS

***42. Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) how many pairs of uniforms are issued yearly to porters on the Southern Railway; and

(b) the rate of recovery made from these porters towards these uniforms and the basis of the recovery?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Two.

(b) A licence fee of Re. 1/- per month per porter is collected to

cover the cost of uniforms and supervisory organisation on a "no profit, no loss" basis.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

***46. Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee which was appointed to look into the working of the Central Tractor Organisation has submitted its report; and

(b) If so, its important findings?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) No, Sir. The Committee is likely to submit its report in a few days' time.

(b) Does not arise.

ORISSA RICE

***69. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** (a) Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the total quantity of rice supplied by the Government of Orissa both to the Centre and different States from 1946 to 1953 separately, year-wise?

(b) What are the rates per maund of different kinds of rice supplied by the Orissa Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). Two statements showing the quantity of rice exported from Orissa to the various deficit States during the years 1946 to 1953 and the price charged by the Orissa Government for the different kinds of rice during those years are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 16.]

MEDICALLY DISQUALIFIED RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

***70. Shri Frank Anthony:** (a) Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state what is the policy of Government with regard to finding alternative employment for Railway employees declared medically unfit for their original posts?

(b) Are Government aware that alternative employment is offered