

the cattle to the same extent as berseem. It can grow without irrigation, which is its speciality. It is, therefore, most suitable for being grown during the months of November to April after late paddy has been harvested where berseem would not grow under unirrigated conditions. This is a fertilising clover crop like berseem but unlike berseem it does not require irrigation.

WATER-LOGGED AREAS NEAR HOWRAH RAILWAY STATION

631. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to lease out the tanks on Railway land near Howrah Station for fishery purposes; and

(b) if so, whether it will be leased out to the West Bengal State Government or direct to any private individual?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

TICKETLESS TRAVEL

632. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether special concentrated checks under the personal supervision of the Commercial Officers were conducted on the Parlakimedi Light Railway line and the Waltair-Raipur Railway line (Eastern Railway Zone) during the years 1953 and 1954 (up-to-date) in respect of ticketless travelling; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, from 1st April, 1953.

(b) The results are as follows:—
From 1st April, 1953 to 10th Sept., 1954

| | Parlakimedi light Railway | Waltair- Raipur Section |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) No. of checks made | 56 | 11 |
| (2) No. of persons prosecuted. | 1,119 | 49 |
| (3) No. of persons discharged after collecting fares, etc. | 534 | 19 |
| (4) Amounts realised: | | |
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| (i) Fare | 5,679 | 325 |
| (ii) Penalty | 1,624 | 114 |
| (iii) Fines | 2,757 | 67 |

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES IN MADHYA PRADESH

633. Shri N. A. Borkar: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen registered in the Employment Exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons who secured employment through the Exchange during the above period; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes among them?

The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai): (a) 6,177 during the period August, 1951, to July, 1954.

(b) 1,501.

(c) Information is not available as separate statistics pertaining to Scheduled Caste Ex-servicemen are not maintained.

FOOD STOCK

634. Shri N. M. Lingam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of food grains held by the various State Governments at the time of announcement of decontrol throughout the country?