

(b) if so, when;

(c) the nature of the construction work and the target in respect of daily wagon-handling capacity of the said railway junction which is aimed at; and

(d) the target date by which the said work is expected to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (d). The position regarding works in the Katni area required for increasing the capacity for movement of traffic, the bulk of which is coal wagons via Katni, is as follows:

Name of work	Date of completion of Yard Work	Date of completion of signalling & interlocking
Katni South— Provision of two additional lines	31-12-54	31-7-55
Katni—Provision of chord line connection between New Katni Jn. of E. Rly. and Katni South of Central Railway.	Completed	31-7-55
Katni Jn.—Provision of additional loop in the yard.	31-3-56	31-3-56
Katni-Merwara—Provision of additional facilities in the yard.	Being included in the programme for 1955-56	

The output of coal from the Central India Coalfields is expected to increase from year to year and the ultimate target of receipt of coal and general traffic in the year 1956-57 will be of the order of 475 to 480 wagons per day via Katni.

POTATO PRODUCTION

222. **Shri Mahodaya:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of potato production in the various states during the last five years; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to increase the production of potatoes in those states where production is less?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 67.]

(b) The following steps are being taken by the Government to increase the production of potatoes:—

- (i) Evolution of suitable varieties;
- (ii) provision of good quality disease-free seed in adequate quantities for planting;
- (iii) provision of facilities for irrigation; and
- (iv) provision of suitable manures.

नयी रेलवे लाइन

२२३. श्री डामर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि मध्य भारत में इंदौर से धार हो कर दोहद तक एक रेलवे लाइन बनायी जायेगी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस लाइन पर बनाये जाने वाले मुख्य स्टेशनों के नाम क्या हैं ?

रंलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अलमोशन):
(क) और (ख). इन्दौर से धार होते हुए दोहद तक रंलवे लाइन की जांच पड़ताल हो चुकी है और रियॉर्ट की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है। सर्व रियॉर्ट जांच के बाद ही इस लाइन के मार्ग और निर्माण के सम्बन्ध में निश्चय किया जा सकता है।

ROAD BRIDGES

224. **Pandit S. C. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of major road bridges completed during the Five Year Plan till the 30th September, 1954;