

entered complaints in the complaint books kept at stations on the Northern Railway during 1954-55 and 1955-56 so far; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY LINES

27. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the total mileage of electrified railway lines in 1955 on the different Railways ;

(b) the main lines which were electrified in that year; and

(c) the programme for electrification of railway lines during 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The total electrified track and route mileage on Indian Railways is 601 and 240 respectively.

(b) The main line (double line) section between Andheri and Borivli on the Western Railway, a length about 8 miles, was opened for traffic during 1955.

(c) Construction work on Howrah-Burdwan main line and Tarakeswar Branch already sanctioned is in Progress. The only other Electrification Project which stands sanctioned in Madras to Tambaram main line and Tambaram to Villupuram on the Southern Railway.

SUGAR FACTORIES

28. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where the sugar factories in Punjab are located ;

(b) their total annual output ; and

(c) the average annual consumption of sugar in the State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) There is only one factory at Yamunanagar, which is in production at present. Licences, have, however, been issued for establishing two more factories at Rohtak and Bhogpur. Issue of a licence has also been recommended to a co-operative concern for establishing a factory at Panipat.

(b) 19,986 tons in 1954-55. After the three factories under construction, go into production, the annual output will be about 52,000 tons.

(c) About 1,10,000 tons.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*29 { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**
Shri P. C. Bose :

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons registered for employment in the Employment Exchanges and the categories thereof during 1955-56.

(b) the number of persons to whom jobs were provided, category-wise ;

(c) the rise or fall of unemployed and the employed as compared to the previous year ; and

(d) the number of those employed in private firms through the Exchanges.

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): (a) Information for January, 1956 is not yet available. A category-wise analysis of the persons on the Live Register as on 31-12-1955. is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 15].

(b) and (c). Two statements marked 'B' and 'C' are laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) 39,965 persons were placed in the Private Sector (which includes private firms and quasi-Government bodies) through Employment Ex-

changes during the year, 1955. Information in respect of persons placed in private firms is not separately available.