

Scheduled Castes in Railway Services

519. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the figure of the Scheduled Castes employed in the Indian Railway Service in various classes during the past four years of the First Five Year Plan ;

(b) what percentage out of the reservation in the Railway service for the Scheduled Castes has been filled up; and

(c) whether any special effort is being made by Government to fill up the reserved quotas ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nangal and Una Railway Track

520. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the survey of the Railway track between Nangal and Una on the Northern Railway; and

(b) the main points towards attention has been drawn during this survey ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) The Traffic survey for a B.G. Railway line between Nangal and Una has recently been sanctioned and the survey work will be taken in January 1957.

(b) The possibilities of opening up new projects for Mandi District are to be investigated.

Sugarcane

521. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the results achieved so far in improving the quality of sugarcane as a result of the measures taken by the State Governments; and

(b) whether adequate attention has been paid to the question in Punjab ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) There has been a general improvement in the quality of sugarcane as a result of measures taken by the State Govts. except in the case of Bihar. Percentage figures showing recovery of sugar on cane as actually obtained by sugar factories in important sugar producing States during the past five seasons during the months of January and February are given below.

Season	U. P.	Bihar	Bombay	Mad'as	Hyderabad	Punjab
1951-52	9.73	10.61	11.69	8.98	11.06	9.81
1952-53	9.89	10.38	12.19	8.65	11.26	10.27
1953-54	10.13	10.30	12.06	9.30	10.89	10.14
1954-55	9.83	9.89	12.27	9.74	11.60	9.33
1955-56	10.17	10.21	12.15	8.83	11.40	9.95

The fall in recovery in case of Bihar and Punjab is attributable mainly to damage done to the crop by floods, draught, pests and disease.

(b) Yes. In Punjab sugarcane research and development schemes costing Rs. 19.12 lakhs were implemented during the First Five Year Plan and schemes costing about Rs. 27 lakhs (excluding Pepsu) have been planned for implementation in the Second Five Year Plan Period.

Delhi Zoological Park

{ **Shri D. C. Sharma** :
522. { **Shri Bhakt Darshan** :
{ **Sardar Iqbal Singh** :
{ **Sardar Akarpuri** :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the re-

ply given to Starred Question No. 1709 on the 3rd September, 1956, and state the progress since made towards the establishment of a zoological park in Delhi ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : An agreement with the German Consultant has been concluded. The preliminary layout plan received from the Consultant has been scrutinised and returned to him for modifications. The revised plan is expected shortly. Some animals and birds have been collected from various sources in India and are being maintained at the Park. Temporary enclosures for housing the animals are under construction. Preliminary works like construction of boundary wall, quarters, roads and paths, planting water arrangements etc. are in progress.