

coach will be about Rs. 1.8 lakhs when the Integral Coach Factory goes into full production.

Sakrighat and Maniharihat Steamer Ghats

*585. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the ferry service between Sakrighat and Maniharihat there is a shifting of the steamer ghats from one site to another, several times in the year;

(b) whether it is not possible to select a site, where the ghat may remain for a period of six months or so; and

(c) what is the average annual expenditure on account of the shifting of the ghats?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible lately to do so due to vagaries of the river Ganga.

(c) Approximately Rs. 5 lakhs.

Export of Livestock to Pakistan

*586. **Shri Shivnanjappa** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Government has approached the Government of India for export of some Indian cattle for breeding purposes; and

(b) whether Government of India has agreed to export these livestock?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Cottage Industries in Punjab during Second Plan

*587. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh** :
Sardar Akarpuri :

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of aid sanctioned under Second Five-Year Plan by the Central

Government for Cottage industries in Punjab; and

(b) important schemes which have been approved by the Planning Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) At present, a tentative total outlay of Rs. 5.72 crores has been envisaged under the Second Five Year Plan for the development of village and small industries in Punjab, which, *inter alia*, includes the Central assistance for the State's schemes. The actual amount of the Central assistance to be sanctioned will depend upon the number and type of the State's schemes and the pattern of Central assistance evolved for different types of schemes.

(b) A list of some of the important schemes included in the State's Revised Plan, which has been provisionally approved is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No. 13].

Passenger Guards

383. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all passenger trains on metre-gauge section of Northern Railways carrying passengers are not worked by passenger guards; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) No. Guards are not designated as passenger or goods guards. There are three grades of guards namely 'A', 'B' and 'C'. 'A' grade guards work Mail and Express trains; 'B' grade guards work passenger trains and 'C' grade guards work all goods, mixed and passenger shuttle trains.

(b) Does not arise.

Tractor Testing Station

384. **Shri Ram Krishan** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1150 on the 16th August, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the site for the Tractor Testing Station has since been located; and

(b) if so, the name of the place?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) and (b). A site for the Tractor Testing Station has not yet been finally selected.