

to various Medical Colleges and Schools in each State?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

#### Jammu and Kashmir

1468. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state the total amount

given to the Jammu and Kashmir State from the 1st November, 1947 to the 31st March, 1957, year-wise under the following heads:

- (i) The Community Projects; and
- (ii) The National Extension Service?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey):

(Figure in lakhs of Rs.)

Year	Community Projects	National Extension Service
1947-48 to 1953-54	..	..
1954-55	4.0	..
1955-56	5.66	5.0
1956-57	7.34	24.21

#### Aid to Kashmir

1469. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the total amount given to Jammu and Kashmir State from 1st November, 1947 to 31st March, 1957, each year under the following heads:—

- (i) Roads Development,
- (ii) Tunnels,
- (iii) Bridges,
- (iv) Repairs, clearing snow and passes from the roads, and
- (v) Officers' Quarters and coolies' huts?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The amounts given by the Ministry of Transport & Communications to the Jammu and Kashmir State from 1st November, 1947 to 31st March, 1957, each year, for the development and maintenance and repairs of roads and tunnels, are given in the statement placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 139].

Expenditure on bridges, Officers' quarters, and coolies' huts is included in these figures and cannot be separated without disproportionate labour.

#### Foot-bridge near Gudivada Station

1470. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public are harassed by the constant closure of the railway gate at the level crossing near Gudivada Station on the Gudivada-Masulipatam Road in Southern Railway; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct an over-bridge or an under-bridge to relieve the traffic congestions at the level crossing?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. Government are not aware of any harassment to the public. The level crossing gates have to be closed whenever there is either a train passing or shunting is in progress. This may have at times caused certain inconvenience to the public.

(b) No, Sir, not at present. No such proposal has been received from the State Government. Replacement of level crossings by over or under-bridges is undertaken on the specific recommendation of the State Government concerned and on their accept-

ance to bear their portion of the cost, as per extant rules.

### Plant Diseases

1471. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the plant diseases that caused heavy loss of output to anticipated levels of productions of paddy, wheat, jowar and bajra for the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 state-wise;

(b) whether any preventive or curative remedies have been found out by the research institutions against such diseases;

(c) if so, whether any of these remedial measures have been tried out in any of the project areas; and

(d) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). No report of any epidemic of unusual severity was received in respect of these crops during 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57, except in the case of wheat, which was severely attacked by rust in 1955-56 in the Jabalpur division of Madhya Pradesh and some districts of Bihar. In these areas the losses were aggravated because of the drought conditions. A statement showing the list of common plant diseases which affect these crops, their state-wise distribution and remedial or curative methods is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 140]. No report about the trial of these remedial measures in any of the project areas has been received from any of the State Governments but the State Plant Protection Organisations have arranged for extensive demonstration trials for the control of plant diseases by prophylactic treatment with pesticides. Attempts have been made to popularise these measures and methods through publicity, propaganda and demonstration in the National Extension Service, Community Develop-

ment and other areas. The diseases have been successfully controlled wherever known remedial measures have been adopted.

### Kurduwadi-Miraj Line

1472. **Shri Sugandhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 729 on the 31st May, 1957 regarding the survey of the narrow gauge line on the Central Railway between Kurduwadi and Miraj Stations and state:

(a) the present daily average number of passenger traffic in this section;

(b) the present daily average volume of goods traffic; and

(c) the estimated cost of converting the present narrow gauge line into a broad gauge line?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 5785.

(b) 260 tons from Kurduwadi to Miraj and 80 tons from Miraj to Kurduwadi.

(c) The cost will be known only after the survey is completed.

### Import of Foodgrains

1473. **Shri Yajnik:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice which were imported by Government from abroad during the last five years ending the 31st March, 1957, giving separate figures of the imports of wheat and rice indicating the names of the countries from which the same were imported;

(b) the total amount of the freight-bill or charter hire which was paid on these imports;

(c) the amount of such freight paid to national ships and to foreign ships;