

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 67.

(b) 10.

(c) 7,476; it is, however, not practicable for the Department to provide departmental quarters for all the staff. Additional quarters are constructed to the extent resources are available.

Road Bridge Across River Tungabhadra

64. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the construction of Road bridge across the River Tungabhadra near Kurnool;

(b) the total amount spent upto the end of October, 1957; and

(c) when it is likely to be opened for traffic?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Right abutment & wings (Kurnool side) and one pier (on open foundation) adjacent to the right bank have since been completed. Work on the well foundations and the construction of approach roads is in progress.

(b) Rs. 3,92,240.

(c) The bridge is likely to be opened for traffic by the end of 1959.

Non-practising Allowance for Central Government Doctors

65. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-practising allow-

ance is being sanctioned for all doctors employed under Central Government; and

(b) if so, the rate of such allowance?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Non-practising allowance is sanctioned for doctors working in various hospitals under the Central Government in lieu of private practice. The medical officers holding administrative and research posts are not, however, allowed any non-practising allowance.

(b) The rate of non-practising allowance is 50 per cent. of pay in the case of doctors employed in the Contributory Health Service Scheme in Delhi and New Delhi and 25 per cent. in other cases, subject to a maximum of Rs 400 p.m.

Fair Price Shops in U.P.

66. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops at present in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) prices at which foodgrains are being sold?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 2510 fair price shops are functioning in U.P. at present

(b) Foodgrains are being sold at the following rates from fair price shops:—

Grain

Rates in Rupees per maund

	Wholesale		Retail	
	Wheat	15.00	n.p.	15.24
Gram	12.81	n.p.	13.33	n.p. (")
Barley or Mixture.	12.30	n.p.	12.80	n.p. (")

रेलवे डिब्बों का विद्या जाना

६७. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मत ५ वर्षों में, अर्थात् १९५३ से १९५७ (३१ अक्टूबर १९५७) तक

पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे को प्रथम, द्वितीय और तृतीय श्रेणी के कितने नये डिब्बे लाइनों पर चलाने के लिये दिये गये ;

(ख) उपरोक्त प्रत्येक श्रेणी के कितने नये डिब्बे प्रत्येक सैकशन को दिये गये और कितने डिब्बे इस समय चल रहे हैं;