

ping companies in India's overseas trades. If so, it may be stated that while no precise information in this regard is available, it has been roughly estimated that about 6 per cent of India's foreign trade is carried in Indian ships, the balance being carried in foreign ships.

(b) to (e) The required information is not readily available, but efforts are being made to collect them as far as possible. It is, however, felt that the time and labour involved in collecting such detailed information from various authorities may not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

Import of eggs from East Pakistan

957. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about one million eggs are being imported into India from East Pakistan only in winter season, and

(b) if so, what is the annual import of eggs from East Pakistan?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas).

(a) 8.6 crore eggs were imported from East Pakistan during October 1955 to March 1956 and 8.1 crores during corresponding period in 1956-57.

(b) 1955—13.9 crores

1956—13.4 crores

Foot-over-Bridge at Sonapur

958. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that the foot-over bridge at Sonapur (North Eastern Railway) has been constructed only upto the island platform although the decision was to cover the whole platform and the lines, and

(b) whether Government are aware that public who pass by that bridge for going to the other side had to get

down at the platform and are often harassed for tickets?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. The original proposal to provide a foot-over-bridge across the whole yard was revised on reconsideration and it was decided to provide the foot-bridge from the South side upto the island platform only as there is a subway from the island platform towards north.

(b) The public who pass by that bridge for going to the other side have to get down at island platform and use the sub-way. There is no complaint received regarding harassment of passengers by ticket examiners.

Assistant Commercial Inspectors on the N.E. Railway

959. Shri Yadav: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 732 on 3rd December, 1957 regarding selection of Assistant Commercial Inspectors on the N.E. Railway and state when the promised statement will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The matter is still under consideration and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha shortly.

Central Institute of Study and Research

960. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to refer to his reply to the debate in the Lok Sabha on the 29th July 1957 on Demand for Grants relating to the Ministry of Community Development for the year 1957-58 and state

(a) whether the Central Institute of Study and Research on Community Development has since been opened;

(b) if so, where; and