

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnaswar Khan):** (a) The Ministry of Railways have listed minimum passenger amenities to be provided at all Stations. Some of these exist at all Stations but a few of these still remain to be provided at 790 out of 1118 Stations.

(b) It is not possible to state the exact date. However, it may be mentioned that every year basic amenities are provided at as many stations as possible according to a programme drawn out by the Railway in consultation with the Railway Users' Amenity Committees with which public opinion is associated.

#### Head Post Office Building, Kottayam

**2236. Shri Maniyangadan:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Head Post Office Building at Kottayam is too small and inadequate;

(b) whether the proposal for constructing buildings for Head Post Office and Divisional Office at Kottayam has been abandoned; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) The accommodation available in the office is 3515 sq. feet against 4665 sq. ft. justified by departmental standards.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to make suitable extensions to the Head Post Office building. There was no proposal for construction of building for Divisional Office at Kottayam and as such the question of its abandonment does not arise.

#### Sugar

**2237. { Shri Ghosal.**

**{ Shri B. Das Gupta:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar-mills in West Bengal and the quantity of

sugar produced by them during the last crushing season; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the output of sugar in West Bengal during the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) There is at present only one sugar mill working in West Bengal. It produced 8,173 tons of sugar during the last crushing season.

(b) Licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, have already been granted (i) for the establishment of a new sugar factory of 800 tons daily cane crushing capacity at Ahmedpur, District Birbhum and (ii) for increasing the capacity of the existing factory at Plassey from 800 tons to 1200 tons of cane per day. Under the Second Five Year Plan, there is also a provision for the establishment of a cooperative sugar factory in the State.

#### Corruption on Western Railway

**2238. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of corruption cases still pending on the Western Railway?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnaswar Khan):** 686 as on 18th March, 1958.

#### Procurement of Rice in Punjab

**2239. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money placed at the disposal of the Punjab State for procuring rice on behalf of the Central Government in 1957-58; and

(b) the quantity of rice procured in the same period by the Punjab State Government?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Rs. 4.2 crores.

(b) About 82,000 tons.