

Import of Locomotives

126. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries from which locomotives were imported in the last five years; and

(b) the number of locomotives purchased and at what price?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland Switzerland, U.K., Yugoslavia and U.S.A.

(b) A statement is enclosed. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 44]

Purchase of Railway Stores

127. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of stores purchased by the Indian Railways in foreign countries during 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the steps taken to bring down foreign purchases to the minimum?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shanawas Khan): (a) The information is being collected, and will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) A statement is enclosed. [See Appendix I, annexure 45].

Co-operative Sugar Mills in Punjab

128. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the Co-operative Sugar Mills in Punjab during the year 1957-58; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). An amount of Rs. 3 lakhs was remitted to the Punjab Government in April, 1957, by the National Co-operative Development and Warehousing Board, against sanction for 1956-57, for participating towards the share capital of Batala Cooperative Sugar Mills.

2. In addition, the Industrial Finance Corporation disbursed the following loans:—

(1) Rs. 10 lakhs on 29th May, 1957 to the Panipat Cooperative Sugar Mills, Ltd;

(2) Rs. 11 lakhs on 22nd November, 1957, to the Haryana Cooperative Sugar Mills, Ltd.

Sheds at Abohar Station

129. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are no sheds on the platform at Abohar Station on the Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide sheds on this station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The work is likely to be taken up in the current financial year.

Co-operative Farming in Bombay

130. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Bombay Government have accepted the policy regarding introduction of co-operative farming framed by the Planning Commission; and

(b) the steps taken by the State Government to give effect to this policy?