

(iii) Expansion of existing institutions.

No Scheme for Dairy Development was received from the Assam Government during 1956-57.

(b) During 1957-58, the scheme received from the State Government was incomplete, hence no sanction could be accorded. No expenditure could be incurred during the year.

#### Procurement Prices of Rice and Paddy

2339. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the procurement prices of price and paddy in various States and Union Territories of India, prevailing now?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha giving the required information. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 62].

#### B.B. Light Railway

2340. { Shri K. P. Sinha:  
Shri Ramdhani Das:  
Shrimati Satyabhama Devi:  
Shri Muhammed Elias:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made to Government regarding the B.B. Light Railway (Patna District);

(b) whether it is a fact that the line is not working since 23rd February, 1958; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this direction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. It is understood that as a result of the staff of the Light Railway having gone on strike since 23rd February 1958, trains services on the Railway are not in operation.

(c) A suggestion has been made to the Government of Bihar to provide

more buses in the area served by the Light Railway to relieve the inconvenience caused to the public for the time being.

#### Quarters for P. & T. Employees

2341. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many residential quarters were constructed during the First Five Year Plan for the Posts and Telegraphs Employees in Villupuram and Cuddalore Postal Divisions in South Arcot District of Madras State?

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

No quarters have been constructed during the First Five Year Plan. During the Second Five Year Plan 3 quarters have been sanctioned. There is a further proposal to acquire a plot of land for Sub Post Office Building which will also accommodate about 20 quarters for the staff.

#### Villupuram

No quarters have been constructed.

#### Post and Telegraph Offices

2342. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many Post and Telegraph Offices are proposed to be opened in Madras State, district-wise during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. Further proposals will be sanctioned as found justified. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 63.]

#### Divisional Committees on Central Railway

2343. Shri Dinesh Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are Divisional Committees on the Central Railways;

(b) what is the procedure for the appointment of these Committees;

(c) in which Division is Banda included;

(d) when was this Committee appointed; and

(e) how many of them are from Banda District?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 64.]

(c) In Jhansi Division of Central Railway.

(d) The Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Jhansi, was reconstituted in January, 1958.

(e) None.

Representation on these Committees is provided on a functional basis, that is for the various commercial and agricultural interests and passenger associations in the area of the Division and not on the basis of Civil Districts.

#### Quota of Wagons

**2344. Shri Dinesh Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of wagons for the Central Railways for transporting goods to places on the N.E. Railway;

(b) the annual quota in the N.E. Railway for similar facilities to other Railways; and

(c) how many wagons were allotted to Banda during 1957?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** The total quota allotted to Central Railway for destinations on North Eastern Railway reached via Bhagalpur, Mokameh Ghat, Manduadh, Shahganj, Mathura and Varanasi, is 32.5 Broad Gauge wagons daily. Besides the above, booking of general goods traffic via Barabanki, Lucknow (Charbagh),

Kanpur, Bareilly and Moradabad is free of quota limitation for zones served by each of these points.

The total quota allotted to all other Railways combined for destinations on North Eastern Railway reached via different transshipment points subject to quotas is 594 Broad Gauge wagons daily or 2,18,810 Broad Gauge wagons annually. No. of wagons allotted to Banda for the year 1957-58 are as under:—

(1) To N.E. Railway destination via quota limited routes.	462
(2) To all other destinations other than (1) above.	3279
(3) Total of items (1) and (2).	3741

#### Diesel Locomotives

**2345. Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 954 on the 14th March, 1958 and state:

(a) how many diesel locomotives are running on Indian Railways;

(b) the number of diesel locomotives imported during the year 1957;

(c) what is the expected import during the year 1958; and

(d) what is the comparative running cost of an electric locomotive and diesel locomotive?

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

Board Gauge.	66
Metre Gauge	26
Narrow Gauge	8
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(b) Broad Gauge 20

(c) Broad Gauge 80

(d) The running cost of an electric and a diesel locomotive is influenced mostly by the comparative price paid per unit of electrical energy and per unit of diesel oil in the area where the