

Public Health Training Centres

1440. Shri B. C. Majhi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats allotted to each State in the Reorientation training centres for the training of Public Health staff assigned to Community projects during 1957-58 at Najafgarh, Singur and Poonamallee; and

(b) whether the syllabus and standard of training is uniform in all the three centres?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 78]

(b) Yes, with minor modifications to suit local conditions.

Railway Passenger Amenities

1441. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1916 on the 19th December, 1957 and state the progress so far made to provide sheds on the platform at Nangal Dam Station on the Northern Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The erection of the shed at Nangal Dam station, depends upon the acceptance of the Punjab Government to bear their share of cost. Meanwhile, necessary preliminaries for fabrication of the shed have been taken in hand.

Quarters for Railway Employees at Bezwada

1442. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters proposed to be constructed at Bezwada for the Southern Railway zone during 1956-59;

(b) the number of essential employees at Bezwada who have not yet been provided with quarters; and

(c) by what time the quarters will be provided to the essential staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No new quarters have been programmed for construction at Bezwada during 1958-59.

(b) About 844.

(c) The construction of quarters for essential staff is programmed on Railway basis year by year depending upon the availability of funds. As a large number of essential staff have yet to be provided with quarters over the whole railway, it will take a long time to provide quarters for all essential staff.

Fair Price Shops in Andhra

1443. Shri Bali Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair-price shops opened in Andhra Pradesh since last year;

(b) the quantity of grains that was distributed through these shops and at what price; and

(c) how long would these shops be continued?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 470 fair price shops are functioning for distribution of rice in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. For distribution of wheat, about 500 traders have been licensed.

(b) About 406 tons of rice has been issued during December 1957 and January 1958, and wheat is being distributed at the rate of about 3,000 tons per month. Rice is being issued to the retailers at Rs. 16.70 N.P. per maund and wheat at Rs. 14.00 per maund.