

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

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

(b) Yes, Sir; a representation was received from the Chairman, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee, Pachora in April 1957.

(c) It is proposed to widen the level crossing from 13'-6" to 24'-0". The plans have been prepared and Estimate is being finalised.

Railway Overbridge, Chalisgaon

400. Shri Naushir Bharucha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of an over-bridge near Chalisgaon (East Khandesh) Railway Station for vehicular traffic;

(b) if so, whether any plans and estimates have been prepared; and

(c) when the work is proposed to be taken in hand and when it is expected to be completed?

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

(b) and (c). The case is still under correspondence with the Government of Bombay and Chalisgaon Municipality regarding finalization of the alignment, and acceptance of the terms and conditions.

Community Development and N.E.S. Blocks in Rajasthan

401. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of population covered under the Community Development and N.E.S. Schemes in Rajasthan at the end of First Five Year Plan period district-wise;

(b) the total amount spent by the Central Government on these; and

(c) the extent of area and population that will be covered at the end of Second Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 70]

(b) Grant—Rs. 65.29 lakhs.

Loan—Rs. 77.44 lakhs.

(c) 90,000 square miles and one crore persons approximately. This is according to the revised programme which is now under consideration.

Fair Price Shops in Rajasthan

402. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair price shops, at present, in Rajasthan; and

(b) price at which foodgrains are being sold there?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) 105.

(b) Only wheat is being issued through the fair price shops in Rajasthan and the range of issue prices is from Rs. 14.50 to Rs. 15.50 per maund.

Growing Grapes in Delhi

403. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any experiment has been made for growing grapes in Delhi territory; and

(b) if so, whether the experiment has proved a success?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, experiments on cultivation of grapes in the Delhi territory are being conducted at the I.A.R.I.

(b) The results so far achieved are inconclusive and need confirmation. The experiments are still being carried out.