

(b) if so, whether the Central Railway authorities have also been instructed to do likewise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The designation 'Assistant Train Examiner' had been abolished on all Railways excepting the Central Railway where orders have recently been issued abolishing the said designation.

Trunk Telephone Exchange, Bikaner

1719. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1976 on the 19th December, 1957 and state the reasons for the further breakdown of the Trunk Telephone between Bikaner and Delhi on the 21st, 22nd, 25th February and 4th March, 1958?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 25]

Mettupalayam Railway Station

1720. Shri Nanjappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of requests made by the Mettupalayam Municipality,

Madras State by way of improvements to Mettupalayam Railway Station, Southern Railway; and

(b) when they are likely to be taken up for consideration and execution?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A foot overbridge across the Railway lines and extension of the 3rd class waiting hall have been asked for by the Mettupalayam Municipality.

(b) These works were included in the list of works to be taken up in 1957-58 but due to shortage of steel and cement, the works have been deferred till the position eases.

Supply of Fertilisers to Bombay State

1712. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of fertilizers supplied by the Central Government to Bombay State during 1957-58 so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The required information is given below:

Name of fertilisers	Qty. supplied during 1957-58 till 1st March, 1958. (Tons)
Sulphate of Ammonia	74,800
Urea	4,250
A. Sulphate Nitrate	4,140
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	15
Muriate of Potash	18
TOTAL	83,233