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Investment in Shipping Concerns

1733. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how much Indian money is invested in shipping concerns of India either by private or public sectors upto now?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A sum of Rs. 1654.82 lakhs has been invested by Indian nationals in the paid up capitals of the various Indian shipping companies in the private sector. The Government of India have invested a sum of Rs. 900 lakhs in the Eastern and Western Shipping Corporations, the two Indian shipping companies in the public sector. In addition, loans have been advanced by the Government of India to the extent of Rs. 2469.19 lakhs to the Indian Shipping Companies in the private sector and Rs. 162.50 lakhs to those in the public sector against which Rs. 340.87 lakhs and Rs. 34.11 lakhs respectively have been repaid by the private and the public sector companies.

Railway Inspectorate

1734. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recommendation made by the Inland Transport Committee of the E.C.A.F.E. to the U.N.O. suggesting the creation of a separate Railway Inspectorate Organisation for controlling safety on the Railways; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this suggestion and arrived at any decision?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The Report of the Inland Transport Commit-

tee of the E.C.A.F.E. has not been received so far.

The question is understood to have been discussed by one of its Sub-Committees. It may also be stated that, in India, a separate Railway Inspectorate Organisation already exists.

(b) Does not arise.

Grow More Food Programme

1735. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many States have received loan from Centre for grow more food programme during 1956-57?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement giving the required information is appended. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 29.]

Station Masters

1736. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Station Masters in the scale of Rs. 280-350 as on the 31st December, 1957; and

(b) how many of them have been promoted from the lower rank of the Station Masters, how many of them have been imported from other categories of Railway servants and how many of them have been directly recruited?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 136.

(b) Number promoted from lower rank	.. 127
Number imported from other categories	.. 9.
Number directly recruited	Nil

Concessional Passes

1737. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Department have to issue concessional passes to only the Mem-