

Forest Development in Himachal Pradesh.

1760. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for the forest development of Himachal Pradesh during 1958-59; and

(b) the amount of grants given?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A grant of Rs. 7.48 lakhs.

(b) The amount will be sanctioned on receipt of detailed schemes, after approval, upto the above limit.

Delhi-Madras De-Luxe Train Service

1761. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether average income per day in the De-Luxe Train from Delhi Madras has increased after introduction of the ordinary third class compartments; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider introducing ordinary II class also along with the Air-conditioned Compartments?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) The policy of the Government is to reduce the number of classes on the Railways to only two in addition to air-conditioned travel. In pursuance of that policy second class accommodation is being withdrawn by phases from the Railways. In the circumstances, the Government are unable to consider the question of introducing II class also on these trains.

Post Offices in South Arcot District (Madras)

1762. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many Post Offices are functioning in private buildings in South Arcot District, Madras State at present;

(b) what amount was paid by Government during the years 1952 to 1957 as rent;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct buildings for these Post Offices;

(d) if so, how many of them are under construction; and

(e) what amount has been spent so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 36.]

Sugar Mills

1763. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills in the country that have started working in the month of November, 1957;

(b) the production of sugar from sugar-cane crushed during this month;

(c) the number of mills paying the sugar-cane price at the rate of Rs. 1/7/- per maund and the number of mills paying more or less than that; and

(d) the reasons for the disparity in prices if any?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 90.

(b) 1.05 lakh tons including production of 15 factories which started crushing during October, 1957