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The South Eastern Railway Holiday Home was started in December, 1949. Figures of occupation during the last 3 years and for 7 months of this year are as follows:

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| 1955 | 63 |
| 1956 | 71 |
| 1957 | 84 |
| 1958 | 66 for 7 months. |

The Eastern Railway Holiday Home was established in May 1958 and 58 employees have availed themselves of this Holiday Home so far.

Export of Sugar

1327. { Shri Sanganna:
Shri Damani:
Shri Sadhu Ram:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is estimated earnings of Foreign Exchange on account of the export of 50,000 tons of sugar during the current season?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): About Rs 1.25 crores.

Signallers on the Northern Railway

1328. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of signallers working on the Northern Railway as on 1st June 1958; and

(b) the number of those signallers who have been upgraded on this Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 851.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ticketless Travelling

1329. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that checking of tickets is seldom done in the first class compartments in all the trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that ticketless travel among passengers in the first class compartments particularly by passengers for short distance is frequent and proportionately large resulting in the overcrowding of such compartments; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce more strict checking of tickets in these compartments on all these trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Over Bridge in Memari Station (Howrah Division)

1330. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Railway authorities has been drawn to the deplorable and dilapidated condition of the over bridge in the Memari Station, Howrah Division;

(b) if so, why no steps have been taken for its repair;

(c) whether there is any proposal to repair it without delay; and

(d) whether it is a fact that traffic in the Memari Station is somewhat heavy?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The condition of the over bridge is neither deplorable nor dilapidated. The existing wooden planks of the flooring are being replaced by concrete slabs. Seventy-five per cent. of this