

- (b) if so, when; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is still under consideration in consultation with the interests concerned.

Food Situation in West Bengal

*1394. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the impressions of his tour in the month of July, 1958 in West Bengal regarding the food position in rural areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that people urged upon him to supply rice and to stop wheat supply; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken in this direction?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). In a short visit, it was not possible to study closely the position of the rural areas but there were difficulties of varying degree in some parts which I visited. There was no general demand for supply of rice only. In one place, the question was raised and addressing a large gathering, I pointed out the difficulties about the supply of rice. On the whole they appreciated our difficulties. My general impression is that people in West Bengal can easily acquire a liking for wheat.

उत्तरी गेहूं क्षेत्र

१३९५. श्री पद्म देव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खाद्यान्न की दृष्टि से पंजाब और हिमाचल प्रदेश को एक क्षेत्र माना गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो पंजाब से चावल हिमाचल प्रदेश में ले जाने पर क्यों प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने हिमाचल प्रदेश में कांगड़ा की तरह चावल खाने वाले लोगों के लिये क्या प्रबन्ध किया है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री जे. प्र. जन) : (क) जी हाँ; इस समय, जहाँ तक गेहूँ और चावल का सम्बन्ध है हिमाचल प्रदेश और पंजाब एक ही क्षेत्र में हैं ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Departmental Catering

2264. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Railway stations on which departmental catering has been introduced so far, Zone-wise; and

(b) the names of Railway stations on which departmental catering will be introduced during 1958-59 Zone-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 131.]

(b) Eastern Railway.

(i) Ranaghat.

(ii) Burdwan.

Construction of River Bridges in Bombay

2265. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount granted by the Central Government to Bombay State for the construction of bridges over rivers during the Second Five Year Plan; and