

beds. The proposals for 1959-60 and the amount of assistance that would be given have not yet been finalised.

#### Employees of Medical Store Depots

2329. **Shri Anthony Pillai:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the clerical staff employed at the Medical Store Depots have represented for the grant of Upper Division scale of pay;

(b) what is the exact number employed in the Lower and Upper Division categories; and

(c) the number of those employed in the said depots for more than three years in a temporary capacity.

**The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes.

(b) (i) Lower Division Clerks 280.  
(ii) Upper Division Clerks 8.

(c) 78.

#### Process for Board Making

2330. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1698 on the 16th December, 1957 and state whether the process evolved at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun for making boards from saw dust and common agricultural wastes is more economical than existing process for making boards from other materials?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** The process evolved at the Institute is for making building boards from saw dust and other similar waste materials. Although the process has been patented, it has not been commercially exploited so far, so that its economics have not been worked out. However, the process enables the manufacture of such boards and moulded products without the use of any synthetic resin binders and nothing of foreign origin is required excepting some machinery.

These saw dust boards are not considered as substitutes for fibre boards which require expensive machinery and synthetic resin.

#### Ex-North Western Railway Employees

2331. **Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Cash and Pay Department of the ex-North Western Railway have been denied payment of gratuity etc. in accordance with the Railway Board's letter No. E(W) PF1-27 dated the 22nd November, 1957 whereas similar employees of the ex-B.B. & C.I. Railways have been extended such a relief; and

(b) if so, why?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Mark Sheets

2332. **Shrimati Masida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the procedure in all the Railway Zones in India to call for mark sheets while inviting applications for certain class III posts; and

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). For certain Class III posts on Railways, the candidates are expected to be proficient in subjects like English, Arithmetic, Science etc. The marks obtained in subjects such as the above in their last qualifying examination, are the only index of proficiency attained.

#### ग्रामसहायक

२३३३. श्रीमती विजोबाता : क्या सामुदायिक विकास मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि ग्रामसहायकों का प्रशिक्षण समाप्त होने पर सरकार उन्हें कौन-सा काम दीयती है ?

**कानूनाधिकार विकास मंत्री (श्री एस. के. डे) :** ग्रामसहायक प्रशिक्षण का अभिप्राय ग्रामीण स्वयंसेवकों को विकसित करना है जो कि अपने अपने विषयों में नियुक्त हों और विकास खंड विधिवतया अपने ग्रामों में शासकीय व प्रशासकीय भूमिकरणों की सहायता कर सकें। ग्रामसहायक को शिक्षा इसलिए दी जाती है कि वह अपने विशेष विषय सम्बन्धी उन्नत प्रयागों को समझे व उनका पालन करे। उससे यह आशा की जाती है कि वह अपने गांव में उनका प्रदर्शन करे और एक ग्राम मण्डल का संगठन करने में सहायक बने जिसका उद्देश्य उन उन्नत प्रयागों पर परस्पर सहयोग द्वारा सक्रिय विचार करना होगा।

#### Quarters for Railway Workshop Employees

**2334. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters constructed for industrial and non-industrial employees in the Railway Workshops on the Northern Railway during 1957-58; and

(b) the number of quarters to be constructed during 1958-59?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Although the term industrial as such is not used in classification of Railway Staff, all employees engaged in workshops of the Mechanical Department are for demographical purposes industrial. 689 quarters have been built for such staff.

(b) 625.

#### Konkan Railway in Maharashtra

**2335. Shri Balasaheb Patil:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal to construct Konkan Railway in Maharashtra in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No

Sir.

(b) Owing to limitation of funds and materials consideration of proposals as approved by the Planning Commission has had to be restricted during the Second Five Year Plan period.

#### Construction of a Bridge near Miraj Station

**2336. Shri Balasaheb Patil:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build a bridge for the Miraj-Kolhapur road at cross of Miraj-Belgaum and Miraj-Kurduwadi line within the limits of Miraj station;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the replacement of the level crossing at Mile 116/19-20 at the south end of the Miraj Station Yard by an under or overbridge. If so, the answer is as under:—

(a) No, Sir. The Railway Administration had, however, referred the matter to the State Government who informed that due to the paucity of funds they could not consider the provision of such a bridge in the near future.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Railway Parcels Congestion at Madras Central Station

**2337. Shri N. R. Munsamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of parcels and packages are always congesting on platform No. 1 of Central Station, Madras (Southern Railway) making it impossible for the