

**Punjab Road Development Scheme**

805. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been given to the Government of Punjab under the Road Development Scheme for the year 1958-59 and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 38.07 lakhs.

**Khandwa Hingoli Rail Link**

806. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers employed in the construction of Khandwa-Hingoli rail link;

(b) how many of them have put in more than three years' service; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken for their confirmation?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

	Permanent	Temporary
(a) (i) Class III	171	354
(ii) Class IV	3	56
Total	174	410
Casual labour on daily rates of pay		3,353
(b) (i) Class III Temporary		236
(ii) Class IV Temporary		48
Total		284

(c) Yes, except in the case of casual labour who are not entitled to absorption in a permanent job automatically but such of them who apply for any posts advertised and fulfil the conditions are considered for recruitment by a Selection Board in regular vacancies.

**State Warehousing Corporation in Punjab**

807. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the progress made in regard to setting up of the State Warehousing Corporation in Punjab?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A State Warehousing Corporation has been set up in Punjab State with Headquarters at Jullundur with effect from 2nd January, 1958.

The State Government and the Central Warehousing Corporation have nominated five directors each on the State Warehousing Corporation of Punjab as required under sub-sections (1)(a) and (b) of Section 30 of the Agricultural Produce (Development & Warehousing) Corporations Act, 1956.

Additional Financial Commissioner and Secretary to Government of Punjab (Agriculture and Rehabilitation Department) has been appointed as the Chairman of the State Warehousing Corporation.

**Cotton Cultivation**

808. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ram Krishan:

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

(a) the steps taken by different State Governments to increase the cotton cultivation areas;

(b) how far different types of cotton have been sown in each State; and

(c) how do these compare with the cultivation of cotton in each State during last five years?

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