

Travel Agencies

602. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) number of Travel Agencies working in India and the rates of commission they are getting from Indian Airlines Corporation and Air-India International;

(b) commissions allowed to them by foreign managed air companies; and

(c) the total amount of commissions allowed by Indian Airlines Corporation and Air-India International, during 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 73.]

Fair Price Shops in Punjab

603. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair price shops at present in Punjab, District-wise;

(b) the prices at which foodgrains are being sold at these shops; and

(c) the prices of foodgrains obtaining in open market?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). A statement furnishing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 74.]

Projected Brahmaputra Bridge

604. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total amount spent so far on the projected Brahmaputra Bridge between Pandu and Amingaon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Approximate expenditure incurred upto the end of September, 1958 is Rs. 8,36,000.

Engines on the Metre Gauge Lines of Western and Northern Railways

605. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of engines now used on the metre gauge lines of Western and Northern Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): The holding of Metre Gauge Locos as on 30-9-58 is given below:—

	Steam	Diesel	Total
Western	796	20	816
Northern	321	..	321

Railway Quarters at Delhi and New Delhi

606. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters proposed to be constructed at Delhi and New Delhi for the Northern Railway;

(b) the number of essential employees at Delhi who have not been provided with quarters; and

(c) by what time the quarters will be provided for essential staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Apart from 44 units of different types of quarters, which will be completed during this year, a total number of 147 quarters comprising of different types have been programmed for construction during 1958-59.

(b) Class III 605 and Class IV 2,206.

(c) Due to limitation of funds and also due to progressive increase in the number of essential staff, it will take time before all essential staff is housed.

Raised Platforms at Stations from Howrah to Burdwan

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

(a) the number of stations and halts in the new chord line from Howrah