

Shahganj—Mau branch line due to increase in goods traffic;

(d) whether old rail track between Shahganj and Mau is being relaid; and

(e) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) The following facilities are being provided at Shahganj to increase the transshipment capacity from 25 to 60 broad gauge wagons per day:

Metre gauge side

- (i) 7 additional lines,
- (ii) 3 short loops,
- (iii) Additions and alterations in the loco shed yard, and
- (iv) 2 narrow coal transshipment platforms with broad gauge line in the middle and one metre gauge line on either side.

Broad gauge side

- (i) One additional line.
- (b) About 15 broad gauge wagons of general goods and 20 broad gauge wagons of coal are expected to be diverted from Manduadih to Shahganj when the capacity at Shahganj is increased.

(c) About two extra goods trains each way are expected to be run on Shahganj—Mau section as a result of increase in goods traffic via Shahganj.

(d) and (e). Relaying of the existing 4½ lbs. rails with 60 lbs. 'R' rails on existing sleepers is under consideration for inclusion in the 1959-60 Works Programme.

Loans to Manipur Tribal People

1171. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal people of Manipur have not received any loan for agricultural and industrial development from the N.E.S. blocks and the administration;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) how the difficulties of applying the rules in the matter are being removed?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the rules framed recently under the Agriculturists Loans Act 1884, small loans for agricultural development can be advanced to individuals on production of a surety owning immovable property or loan can be given to a body of co-villagers on their personal property, if they bind themselves jointly and severally to Government for repayment.

Remodelling of Jaipur Station

1172. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the expenditure incurred so far on the remodelling of Jaipur Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): Approximately Rs. 16,00,000.

Tobacco Cultivation in Bombay

1173. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cultivation of tobacco in some regions of Bombay is on the increase; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to decrease the cultivation of tobacco?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Amalgamation of Community Department and Panchayat Departments

1174. Shri M. C. Jain: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether any communication has been addressed to the State Governments suggesting them to amalgamate