

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

their Community Departments and Panchayat Departments into one; and

(b) if so, which of the States have taken action on the above-mentioned suggestion?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Yes.

(b) This is under consideration by State Governments.

भोजन व्यवस्था

११७५. श्री प्रकाशवीर झास्त्री : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे स्टेशन पर रेस्तरां के लिये ठेके देने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या नीति है;

(ख) क्या विभागीय भोजन-व्यवस्था से लाभ हो रहा है अथवा हानि; और

(ग) क्या रेलवे द्वारा चलाये गये कुछ रेस्तरां में गो मांस भी दिया जाता है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) जिन होटल संचालकों और खान-पान की फर्मों की क्याति प्रच्छ्डी होती है और जिन्हें परिचयी ढंग के खान-पान का काफी अनुभव रहता है, उनसे अजियां मांग कर रेस्तरां चलाने के ठेके दिये जाते हैं।

(ख) विभागिक खान-पान व्यवस्था (departmental catering) से सरकार को इस समय कुछ नुकसान हो रहा है।

(ग) जी नहीं। वर्तमान हिंदायतो के अनुसार रेलवे के भोजनालयों में गो मांस बेचना मना है।

Health Personnel in Himachal Pradesh

1176. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors, health visitors and sanitary inspectors available in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the number of students sent for training or deputed for study of each

course by the Himachal Pradesh Administration during the last two years?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) There are 109 Doctors, 48 Health Visitors and 28 Sanitary Inspectors available in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The information is given below:

	During 1957-58	During 1958-59
(i) M.B.B.S. Course	19	18
(ii) Health Visitors' Course	19	20
(iii) Sanitary Inspector's Course	3	..

Fish Market Survey in Manipur

1177. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fish market survey was carried out in the important markets in Manipur;

(b) whether an approximate assessment of fish production was made by the survey;

(c) if so, the quantity of production in a year and the varieties of fish available in greater quantity; and

(d) how does it compare with the total requirements of the population?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No thorough survey has been carried out so far.

(b) No.

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

Railway Freights

1178. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the effect on industrial products, particularly textiles and coal, due to the increase in railway freight for goods introduced from October, 1958; and