

Fair Price Shops in Himachal Pradesh

1445. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fair price shops at present in Himachal Pradesh district-wise; and

(b) the prices at which foodgrains are sold at these shops?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The district-wise break-up of the number of fair price shops in Himachal Pradesh is as under:

Mahasu	31
Mandi	11
Chamba	14
Sirmur	7
Bilaspur	14

(b) At present, only wheat is being issued at prices ranging from Rs. 15.35 nP. to Rs. 26.56 nP. per maund.

Kalyan Cotton Crop

1446. **Shri P. R. Patel:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimate of Kalyan Cotton Crop for the coming season of this year; and

(b) what was the last year's production of Kalyan Cotton?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Estimate of production is not yet available.

(b) 110,000 bales.

Corruption Cases in Railways

1447. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases of corruption committed by Railway employees and complaints made by

the passengers on South-Eastern Railway during 1958 so far;

(b) the number of such cases still pending; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There were 64 cases of alleged acceptance of illegal gratification and corrupt practices such as manipulation of reservation, over-charging of passengers.

(b) 20.

(c) In 4 cases departmental action has not been finalised while the remaining 16 are under investigation.

Train Examiners

1448. **Shri Halder:**
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of train examiners in scale Grade 'C' Rs. 150—225 lying unfilled in (i) South Eastern Railway, (ii) North Eastern Frontier Railway and (iii) Central Railway;

(b) the total number of posts upgraded as per "New Deal" to the scale of Rs. 150—225 on these Railways (Railway-wise) upto 31st October, 1958; and

(c) the total number of train Examiners Grade 'D' in scale of Rs. 100—185 promoted to scale of Rs. 150—225 against the above mentioned posts on these Railways (Railway-wise)?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c).

Railway	(a)	(b)	(c)
South Eastern	5	115	110
North East	—	52	52
Frontier			
Central	42	146	109